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PREFACE

The Town of Wenham is fortunate in having its records from earliest days (1642) down to this present volume transcribed and put into readable form. The Wenham Historical Society, then a sub-committee of the Wenham Village Improvement Society, began this publication in 1930. Over the next ten years, several more volumes carried the records through 1775.

In 1954 Charles W. Davis (selectman 1950-59), sponsored an article in the town-meeting warrant calling for the town to begin further publication of its records. Appropriations that year and in the next two years made printing possible but the difficult work of copying old hand-writing into legible form fell to Louis A. Dodge, former selectman, chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, and Wenham historian of note. Mr. Dodge was assisted by Clara L. (Mrs. Robert C.) Jones, then town clerk, and W. Arthur Trowt, selectman. The records from 1776 to 1810 were published by the town in 1959.

In 1975, the Wenham Bicentennial Committee undertook to carry the record publication further as one of its bicentennial activities. Clara L. Jones was asked to assume the task of transcribing the records, which she has done with knowledgeable care and skill. In proof-reading and indexing this volume she was ably assisted by Mary F. Rougvie, L. Jean Falconer, and Janice P. Pulsifer. Eileen R. Schafer did the final typing of the manuscript. The Wenham Bicentennial Committee proudly presents 25 more of its historical years to the Town of Wenham.

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Deborah Baker and Phyllis Bergeron

Addenda, indicated by an "A" in the left-hand margin of the text, are on page 147.

MARCH MEETING 1810

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Convened on Tuesday the Sixth day of March 1810 for the purpose of Choosing town officers & to Raise money and other bisness as by warrent on file may more fully appear. Viz.

S. Blanchard Esq. Chosen Moderator.

Paul Porter	Town Clerk
John Baker Paul Porter Nehemiah Standly	Selectmen
Thomas Kimball	Treasurer
Uzziel Dodge John Cleaves	Constables
Downing Gentlee Joseph White	Tythingmen
Isaac Porter Peter Dodge Sam[l] Fisk Downing Gentlee John Baker	Surveyours of Highways
Uzziel Dodge Nicholas Dodge 2d John Baker	Surveyours of fence
Stephen Cook James Friend Obediah Dodge John Cleaves	Hogreeves
Benj[a] Fairfield Nicholas Dodge 2d	Corders of Wood
Stephen Cook Cap[t] I A Dodge John Cleaves Abraham Knowlton	Haywards

Thom. Barns	Seal of Wts. & Meas
John Hooker	Sealr of Leather
John T. Dodge Jacob Dodge	Surveyours of Lumber
N. Elkins, Esq. Thom. Kimball Uzziel Dodge	Overseers of the poor
Nicholas Dodge 2d Dea. John Dodge Peter Dodge	Fish Comr

3	Voted to Tax by the 3d Article in the Warrent till April Meeting.
41y	Voted $220 for Schools the Current Year
51y	Voted 200 Dollars for poor
61y	Voted 200 Dollars for Repar of Highways the Current Year
71y	Voted 20 Cents as a bounty to be paid by the Town Treasurer for Every Crows head. Voted 25 Dollars for the above purpose

The privilage of Ringing & Toling the bell & Sweaping the Meeting house for one year next ensuing Struck of to Jams Cook for four Dollars & Ninty five Cents

The Pound Struck of Jacob Dodge for the Uesal fee

The Collecttion of Taxes Struck of to John Cleaves & Uzziel Dodge for one Dollar & twenty Cents pr Hundred Dollars

Poor lett by the Oversears
Mrs. Webber to Benj.a Fairfield for 25/100 per week
Elizabeth Meservy to James Cook for 43/100 per week
Elizabeth Centor to James Cook for 70/100 per week
Widow Pearce to James Cook for one Dollar & Thirty Six Cents per week
The above Sd. poors Clothing is to be Made Good at the Years End by those that take them at there own Cost

A Letter From The Selectmen of Ipswich

The Town heard read a Letter from the Town of Ipswich Accompaned by a Remonstrance to the General Court against the removeal of the Term of the Supreme Judicial Court now Holden in Ipswich, to the Town of Newbury Port which upon voted unanal for the reasons set fourth in the S.d memoreal, the Town of Wenham agree in opinen with the Town of Ipswich, and order a Simelar Memoreal to be Presented the General Court, by the Selectmen there of.

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Preambulation o Line Between Wenham & Danvers

We the Subscribers Haveing meet this 30th day of March 1810 for the purpos of preambulating the Line & Renewing the Bownds between Wenham & Danvers and have proceeded as Followeth. . .----------Viz-- Begining at a white oak Stump Marked D. W. B. Standing in the wall between Paul Porters & John Bakers Farms from thence Northerly to a willow tree marked W. D. Near Peaches Meadow so Colled, at the Easterly End of a Divisenal wall on the farm owned by Israel Putnam 3d from thence to a Stake Standing on the Westerly Side of Wenham Causway which is the bounds between Sd. Wenham & Porters Farm so Colled, fromthence to a Stake & Stones Standing at the Westerly End of Sd Causway abought Six pole at the westward, that being the bounds between S. Wenham Danvers and Topsfield. . . .

Nathan Felton)	Selectmen	John Baker)	Selectmen
)	of	)	of
Daniel Putnam)	Danvers	Nehemiah Standly)	Wenham

APRIL MEETING 1810

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to Give in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators Persuant to the Constitution and other bisness as by warrant may more fully appear it being on the first Monday of April being the Second day .... 1810.

votes Given for His Excl. Christopher Gore 52 votes for Governor
Given for the Hono. Elbridge Gerry 37 votes for Govr.
Given in for his Hon. David Cobb Esq. 52 votes for Lieut. Govr.
Given in for the Hono. Wm. Gray 37 vots for Lieut. Govr.
Given in for the Hono. Elbridge Gerry 1 vote for Lieut. Govr.

Senators		Senators	
Hon John Heard	52 votes	Thom Kittredge	37 votes
Hon. Israel Thorndike	52	Dr. Daniel Kilham	36
Israel Bartlett Esq.	52	Wm. Pearson	37
Mr. Dudley L. Pickman	52	Cap. Moses Little	37
Daniel A. White Esq.	52	Joseph Barker	37
Lonson Nash Esq.	52	Benja. Crowningshield	37
		Nathan B. Marten	1

then Tyler Porter Esq Choosen moderator of S^{d}. Meeting
Given in for Stephen Choate Esq. 48 votes for County Treasurer
Given in for Jabez Farley 15 votes for County Trea^{r}.
it was put to vote to see if the town wood abate Capt John Moultons Boys poll tax & it past in the Negative.
it was put to vote to see if the town wood have the Town County & Minis^{r}. Taxes assessed together & it past in the Negative.
Nicholas Dodge 2^{d}. Choosen Hayward & Sworn.
and then M. Moderator Declared the meeting Desolved & it was accordingly
Desolved..... A true Record....
Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1810

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham Qualified by the Constitution to vote for representatives and other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear holden at S^{d}. Wenham on Thursday the 17th day of May 1810 the following votes where Given in to the Seletmen Viz.

For S. Blanchard Esq. 36 Votes for Repre^{t}
For N. Elkins Esq. 24 -- -- --

And then Tyler Porter Esq. Choosen Moderator of S^{d}. Meeting.
3^{ly}. Voted $500 for the Rev. Rufus Andersons Salary for 1810.
4^{ly}. Voted to Give the Subscribers for an Academy the previledg of Setting the Same on the Common Land in S. town during there Pleasure.
And then M^{r}. Moderator declaered the Meeting desolved & accordingly It was desolved. A true Record
Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Represetative Meeting November 5th. 1810

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham, on the first monday of Nov^{e}. 1810 Qualified as the Constitution Directs, to give in there Votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent the Essex South Destrect, In the Twelvth Congress of the United States of America. Votes for the following Persons where given in Viz.

For Hon. Daniel Kilham Nineteen Vots
M^{r}. William Reed, of Marblehead Forty Eight Votes
A true Recod Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Preambulation Between Wenham & Topsfield

We the Subscribers having Meet this Nineteenth Day of December A.D. 1810 in Order to preambulate the Line & Renew the bounds between Wenham & Topsfield & have proceed as followeth -----
Viz Begining at a Stake & Stones Near the North westerly End of Wenham Casway so Colled being a bounds between Wenham Danvers & Topsfield from thence North 36 1/2 East 117 1/2 polls to a Stone Marked W : T : by a wall Deviding Jacob &

Joshua Towns Land from thence North 15 East 82 1/2 polls to a Stone Marked W : T : at the North East Corner of Robinson Island /so Colled/ thence North 20 1/2 East 60 polls to a Stake & Stones at the South west Corner of Wenham Island so Colled thence North 58 1/2 East 29 polls to the River at the North west Corner of Wenham Island thence Easterly by the River to Hamilton Line &c . --- 1810

David Perkins) Selectmen of Paul Porter) Selectmen of
John Peabody) Topsfield John Baker) Wenham

Preambulation Between Wenham & Hamilton

We the Subscribers having Meet this Twenty Six Day of December 1810 in Order to preambulate the Line & Renew the Bounds between Wenham and Hamilton & have proceaded as Followeth-- Viz Begining at Dodges Stump /so Colled/ from thence to a Beach on the Edge of the upland on the west Side of the Brook from thence to a White oak tree Marked W H in the wall from thence to a Hemlock Marked W H from thence to a pine Sump with Stones about it from thence to a Stake & Stones on the North Side of Snake hill from thence to a white oak Stump Near Ezra Knowltons House from thence to a white oak tree in Col. R. Dodges Land Marked W. H. from thence to a Sasasan tree marked W H. in John Lovering land from thence to a Post in the wall Near John Gardners House from thence to a walnut tree Marked W. H. in John Perkins Land from thence to a Hemlock tree Marked W. H. the west side of pleasent pond brook in Job Smiths land from thence to a Hemlock tree Marked W.H. on Hemlock Island from thence to a beach tree Marked W. H. on Fowlers Island from thence to a white oak tree Marked W H on fowlers Island from thence to a Nale Maple /so Colled/ Marked W. H. from thence to a poplar tree Standing against the wall on the East Side of Wenham Island So Colled &C. ------

Isaac Dodge) Selectmen for Paul Porter) Selectmen of
Joseph Patch) Hamilton Nehemiah Standly) Wenham

Att a Town Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to Choose a Town Treasurer & oversears of the poor as by warrant may more fully appear it being on friday the Eleventh day of Jan^{y}. 1811

1^{ly}. Sam^{l}. Blanchard Esq. Chosen Moderator
2^{ly}. Nathan^{l} Kimball Town Treasurer
3^{ly}. Isaac Porter & Downing Gentlee Over. Seer^{s}. poor
Then M^{r}. Moderator declared the Meeting Desolved.

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1811

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Convened on

tuesday the 5th day of March, 1811 for the purpos of Choosing town officers for the year Insuing & Rase Moneys & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully appear.

Saml Blanchard Esq Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter	T. Clerk
Paul Porter Downing Gentlee Caleb Kimball	Selectmen
Capt Wm Kimball	Town Treasurer
Wm Brown John Baker	Constables
James Cook Downing Gentlee	Tythingmen
Isaac Porter Wm. Kimball Capt Isaac Dodge Deac Wm. Dodge Saml Obear Simeon Friend	Sure of Highwy.
Lieut U. Dodge Capt John Moulton Downing Gentlee	Sure of Fence
Cap. P. Brown Joshua Cleaves Capt I. A. Dodge	Hogreeves
Nicholas Dodge 2d Richard Hood Jacob Dodge	Corders of Wood
Jacob Dodge Deac N. Dodge David Bayley John Cleaves	Haywards
Capt Edd Batchelder	Seal. of Waig. & Mea.
Jacob Dodge Nathl Kimball	Sure of Lumber
Saml Blanchard Esq. William Brown Richard Hood	Overseers of the poor
Deac John Dodge Abraham Dodge Peter Dodge	fish Committee

Voted to Choose a Committee to vue the Bridge at the Pond Brook & make Report at april Meeting the Expence of doing Sd Bridge

Sam^{l} Blanchard Esq.
Dea. John Dodge
& Abraham Dodge where Chosen for the above purpos

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the above Officers were Sworn top Leaf

Vo^{t} 220 Dollars for Schools the year Insuing
Vo^{t} 200 Dollars for the poor the Currant year
Vo^{t} 500 Dollars for the Rev. R. Andersons Salary for 1811
Vo^{t} to lett out the Land at the East part of the Town belong to S^{d}. town for one year

The fdllowing arti^{c} lett out by the Selectmen ------
Collection of Taxes Struck of to W^{m}. Brown
East District for $1..68. per Hundred dollars
West District for 1..58. per Di^{t} Di^{t}
the Buring yard let out to James Cook for two Dollars p^{r} Year
the Wyett Land so Colled let to W^{m}. Wyett for $15..75 p^{r} D..
the Priv: of Ringing & Sweeping the Meeting House & toll the bell Struck of to Jacob Dodge for $3..10

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

April Meeting 1811

Att a Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to Give in their votes for Gov-ernor Lieu. Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the first day of April 1811

Votes Given in for Christopher Gore Esq. 56 votes for Governor
Given in for Elbridge Gerry Esq. 24 votes for Governor
Given in for William Phillips Esq. 56 votes for Lieut. Gov-ernor
Given in for Wil^{m}. Gray Esq. 24 votes for Lieut. Governor

Senators			Senators		
John Heard	55	Votes	Joseph Story	25	Votes
Daniel A. White	55	"	Thom. Kittredge	25	"
Israel Bartlett	55	"	Cap. Moses Little	25	"
N. Cleaveland	55	"	Benj. W. Crowninshield	25	"
Thomas Stephens	55	"	Cap. Joseph Barker	25	"
Benj^{a} Peirce	55	" Esqr.	John Saunders	25	" Esqr.

S. Blanchard Esq. Chosen Moderator of S^{d} Meeting
Given in for Amos Choate Esq. 44 Votes for Regester of deed.
Given in for Stephen Choate Esq. 44 votes for County Treasurer
3ly voted $300 for the Highway the year Insuing
4ly voted 25 Dollars of the a bove Sum to be appropriated for the Bridge at the Book in S^{d} Town
5ly voted allso 75 Dollars of the above Sum for the Winter Season if Wantting.
it was put to vote to See if the town wood Choose a Comm-ittee to wait on the Rev. R. Anderson & it past in the

Negative.
& then Mr Moderator declared the Meeting Desolved.

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T Clerk

May Meeting 1811

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham in order to Choose a person to Represent them at the General Court to be con vean at Boston the last Wednesday of May Current the following Votes where Given in to the Selectmen. Viz. it Being on Monday the 13th day May 1811
for Deacon John Dodge 34 Votes
for S. Blanchard Esq. 3 Vots

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Preambulation Between Wenham & Manchester

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Wenham & Manchester having met this 21. day May 1811. to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between the Towne above named have proceeded as follows: Begining at a heap of Rocks at Beverly corner (so called) from Thence to a pine marked W. M. from thence to Dodges Stump so called which is the corner bounds between the Town's of Wenham, Manchester, and Hamilton &c

Delucena L. Bingham) Selectmen Paul Porter)Selectmen
David Crafts) of Downing Gentlee)of Wenham
Tyler Parsons) Manchester

1811 Preambulation Between Wenham & Beverly

We the Subscribers having Meet this 22d day of May 1811 in order to preambulate the line & renew the bounds, between the Towns of Wenham, & Beverly, & have proceeded as followeth Viz Begining at a white oak Stump Standing in the wall Between Land of John Baker & Paul Porter Mark. W.B.& D. thence on a Straight Course South Seventy one degrees & Thirty Minets East to a Stone set in Land of Sd Porter Marked W.B. thence South Eighty Degrees & Thirty Minets East to a bound called Alford Stone marked W.B. in John Kimballs land thence to the Corner of the wall on the Eastern Side of the County Road three feet & one half Southerly of an apple tree Standing to the Northward of Charles Dodges Land Marked W.B. thence to a Stake & Stones in Jacob Dodges Land. Sd Line is bout four feet Southerly of a white oak tree Marked W.B. which is about seventy feet Westerly of Sd Stake & Stones, thence to a Long Stone by the wall the South Side of the high a few rods Easterly of the Barn belonging to Jacob Edwards one rod & half Northerly of an apple tree in S. Edwards Land Marked W. B. thence to a Stake & Stones Near Larcomb Corner /So Colled/ Marked W.B. thence to a heap of Stones to the East Side of Longham Meadow, thence to an Apple tree the South Side of the road by the Mils

Stone about twenty polls Westerly, of Simon Wyetts House, Marked W. B. thence to a Stake the Easterly Side of rackoon Marsh /So Colled/ thence to a white oak Stump in the wall in Land of George Standley which Stump is abought two & half polls Southerly of a pine tree by the wall Marked W. B. thence turning Northerly to a white oak Stump on gravelly Ridge Marked W. B. thence Easterly to a Corner of Prestons field thence Southerly of a Walnut Sump with a Stake by it Marked W. B. thence in a Straight Line from Prestons Corner to a Pine Stump & a Pine tree Southerly of S. Stump Marked W. B. M. which is a bound between Wenham Beverly & Manchester &c

John Batchelder	)Selectmen	Paul Porter	) Selectmen
	) of		) of
John Francis	)Beverly	Caleb Kimball	) Wenham

March Meeting 1812

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Convened on Tuesday the 3^{d} day of March 1812 for the purpose of Chusing town officers for the year Insuing and rase Money & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully appear. Viz---

Samuel Blanchard Esq. Chosen Moderator.

Paul Porter — T. Clerk

Paul Porter
Caleb Kimball
Downing Gentlee — Selectmen

Jacob Dodge — T. treasurer

W^{m}. Brown
Sam^{l}. Fiske — Constables

N. Kimball
Abraham Dodge
Caleb Kimball
David Woodbury
N. Standley — Sur^{v}. of Highways

Cap^{t}. P. Brown
Ens. N. Dodge
John Baker — Sur^{v}. of fence

Stephen Cook
John Cleaves
Joseph White — Hogreeves

Jacob Dodge En.s N. Dodge Sam.l Obear	Corders of Wood
Downing Gentlee Simeon Friend John Cleaves	Haywards
Cap.t E. Batchelder	Seal. Waits & Measuer
John Hooker	Seal. Leather
Caleb Kimball N. Kimball En.s N. Dodge	Sur.v Lumber
Thom.s Barns	P. Keeper
Sam.l Blanchard Abraham Dodge Richard Hood	Overseers of the poor
Peter Dodge Dea. J. Dodge Abraham Dodge	fish Committee

the above officers where Sworn

3. Voted 250 dollars for School the Year Insuing in S.d town

4.ly Voted 100 dollars for the poorin s.d town the year Insuing

5ly Voted 500 dollars for the Rev. R. Andersons Salary the inSuing year

6ly Voted 200 dollars for the Highway the year Insuing

7ly Gave in for the Hon. Bailey Barller 47 Votes for County Treasurer

Collection of Taxes let out by the Selectmen East distrect to Obadiah Dodge for $1..33 per Hundred dollars -------West distrect to Sam.l Fiske for $1..43 per Hundred dollars

the priv.l of Ringing & tolling the bell & Sweeping the Meeting House Struck of to James Cook for $3..00 per year

the Land belonging to S^{d} town at East part let out for one year to W^{m} Brown & John Cleaves for $14..55.

April Meeting 1812

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their votes for a Governor Lieu. Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the Sixth day of April A. D. 1812.

Votes Given in for Caleb Strong Esq. 75 votes for Governor
Given in for Elbridge Gerry Esq. 24 votes for Governor
Given in for William Phillips Esq. 75 votes for Lieu. Governor
Given in for William King Esq. 22 votes for Lieu. Governor
Given in for William Heath Esq. 2 votes for Lieu. Governor

Senators & Counsellors

Given in for Daniel A. White Esq. 75 votes for a Senator
Given in for Thomas Stephens 75 votes for a Senator
Given in for Moses Little, Esq. 19 votes for a Senator
Given in for William Pearce Esq. 18 votes for a Senator
Given in for Daniel Kilham Esq. 1 vote for a Senator

2^{ly} Samu^{l} Blanchard Esq Chosen Moderator
W^{m} Brown Chosen as one of the overseers of the poor of S^{d} town
3^{ly} Downing Gentlee & Nath^{l} Kimball Choosen Tythingmen
4^{ly} it was put to vote to See if the town wood Chuse a Committee to Vue the road at East & West parts of S^{d} town & Make report at May Meeting &c
5^{ly} Cap^{t} Pelatiah Brown Dea. John Dodge & Timothy Pickering Esq. where Choosen as a Committee for the above purpose. And then M^{r} Moderator declared the Meeting to be dissolved and accordingly it was desolved.
A True Record.
Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1812

At a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex on the foreteenth day of May 1812 in order to Choose a meet person to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth for the Current year and then Dea. John Dodge was unanamously Chosen to represent this town in the general Court of this Commonwealth the Current year.

Sam. Blanchard Esq. Moderator after hering the report of the Town Committee Choosen at April Meeting to view the Roads at East & West parts of S^{d} town the town voted not to accept S^{d} Report

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs holden at the Meeting House on Wednesday the 8th day of July A. D. 1812 to act on the following articles Viz.

Art. 1 to choose a Moderator to govern S.d Meeting.

Art. 2 to take into consideration the Address of the House of Representatives to the people of this Commonwealth

Art. 3 to see if the town will choose a delegate to meet in a County Convention for the purpose of Consulting upon the present awful & alarming Situation of our Country of the war declared by Congress against Great Britain & of adopting all constitutional Measurers for the Restoration of Peace & free Commerce on which the well being of this Commonwealth essentialy depends.

On the first Article.

Voted that Samuel Blanchard Esq. be Moderator

on the Second & third articles, the address of the House of Representatives to the people of this Commonwealth being read it was moved and

Voted that this town cordially approve of the Address of the House of Representatives to the people of this Commonwealth and that they proceed to Choose one delegate to meet in Convention for the purpose of Consulting upon the present awful & alarming Situation of our Country in Consequence of the War declared by Congress against Great Britain & of adopting all constitutional Measurers for the restoration of peace and free Commerce on which the well being of this Commonwealth essentialy depends, & the Hon. T. Pickering was Chosen & appointed for the above purpose also voted that the Selectmen answere the Boston letter Concearning our public affairs.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Sept. Meeting 1812

At a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham on friday the 18th day of Sept 1812 as by warrant on file may more fully appear.

1. Saml Blanchard Esq. Chosen Moderator for S.d Meeting
2. Voted that this Meeting Stand ajourned to friday the 25 Instant at 4. o'Clock P.M. at the Meeting House in S.d town to act on S.d warrant.

A true Record Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Wenham, held by adjournment the 25th day of Sept. 1812.

Hon. Timothy Pickering Chosen Moderator. the following votes where passed (viz)

1ly. voted to reconsider the vote that past at May Meeting in regard to the towns Committees report of the roads at the East & west parts of Sd. town.

2ly. voted to accept of the Sd report of Sd. Committee to Sd. town. Chosen at April Meeting 1812 to view the roads at the East & west Ends of the town of Wenham.

3ly. voted to Choose a Committee to appear at the Court of Sessions at Salem in behalf of Sd town, to cause why the petition of Saml. Obear & others Should not be granted.

4ly. voted that hon. T. Pickering S Banchard Esq & Paul Porter be a Committee for the above purpose.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Report of the Committee to view the roads at the west & East Ends of the town of Wenham. May 14, 1812

The Committee appointed at the town meeting in april last to view the roads at the west & East ends of the town, & to consider and report Such alterations as to them Should appear convenient and necessary for the reasonable accommodations of the Inhabitants & others travelling on the Same, -------
Report, that they have taken that view & are of opinion that a short bend in the road opposit to Richard Hoods Should be altered by removing the wall back upon a regular Sweep, by which the road there will be Straightened & widened. that in coming thence towards David Woodberrys on Each Side of draw bars, on the Left hand the wall Should be carried back a few feet to render the road there of the Same width that it has farther on upon Each side of those bars that the wall of Sd Woodbury's barn yard and adjacent to the same Should beCarried back a few feet to widen & Straighten the road in that place. that the road near Caleb Kimball's from the Beverly line. Should be widened & Straightened - or changed by opening a new road nearly in the direction from the western end of Sd Kimball's Shop to the widow Friend's or the bridge by Enos Gallop's.
turn over
The Corner of Israel A. Dodge's land where you turn into the road going to Beverly Should be taken off by carrying the wall back a few feet on a regular Sweep.----------
that the road from Danvers line to Joshua Herrick's tho narrow & irregular does not admit of material alterations without Subjecting the town to a very heavy expence. that the Sharp corner in Jona. Porter's land may however be properly Cut of nearly opposite to the lane leading to Edmund Batchelder's that the only alteration necessary at the east end of the town is in the

road from Hamilton line, by John Thorn Dodge's land to Manchester road by Straightening and widening it to about forty feet.

Wenham May 14, 1812.

Signed Timothy Pickering)
John Dodge) Committee
Pelatiah Brown)

Attest Paul Porter Town Clerk

At a legal town-meeting held at Wenham in the County of Essex on the first Monday of November 1812 Qualified as the Constitution directs to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent North Essex district in the thirteenth Congress of the United States of America.

For Hon Timothy Pickering fifty two votes ---
For William Pearce Esq Eight votes ---

A True record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

November Meeting

At a legal town meeting held at Wenham in the County of Essex on the twelfth day of Nov^{e}. in the year 1812 for the choice of Electors of President and vice-President of the United States the undernamed persons had the number of votes to their names respectively annexed.

For the Middle District

Names	Number of votes
Hon. Harrison G. Otis of Boston	fifty Eight
Nathan Dane of Beverly	58
Jeremiah Nelson of Newburyport	58
Abraham Biglow Esq of Cambridge	58
John Walker, Esq. of Burlington	58
hon. W^{m}. Gray of Boston	9
Sam^{l}. Brown do	9
Moses Townsend of Salem	9
William Pearce of Gloucester	9
Sam^{l}. Hoar of Lincoln	9

A True record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Att a legal town-meeting held at Wenham in the County of Essex on the first day of November 1813. to recieve a list of the Jury men in S^{d} town & to act thereon as the town may direct after hearing the list read over that the Selectmen had prepared the town voted to approve of S^{d} list as they then Stood. &c

A True record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1813

Att a Qualified Meeting of the voters of the town of Wenham, Convened on Tuesday 2.d day of March 1813, for the purpos of Choosing town officers for the year insuing & raise money and other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear, viz.

Sam.l Blanchard Esq Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter	T. Clerk
Paul Porter Downing Gentlee Caleb Kimball	Selectmen
Sam.l Fisk	Constable
William Kimball Abraham Dodge Richard Hood Capt. Kimball Abraham Knowlton	Sur. of highways
Dea. John Dodge Cap. John Moulton En. N. Dodge	Sur. of fence
Dea.c Wm. Dodge John Cleave David Woodberry Cap.t P. Brown	hogreeves
Jacob Dodge Richard Hood Obadiah Dodge	Corders of wood
Isaac Porter A. Knowlton John Moulton	hayward
Adam Reddington Simeon Friend	Tythingmen
Capt. Ed. Batchelder	Sea. Waits & Meas.
Saml. Fisk	Seal. Leather

Jacob Dodge — Sur. Lumber
Caleb Kimball

S. Blanchard, Esq. — Overseers
Richard Hood
Nehemiah Standly — poor

Dea. J. Dodge — Fish
A. Dodge
Peter Dodge — Committee

Voted 220 dollars for Schools the year Insuing

Voted 100 dollars for Support of the poor the year Insuing

Voted 300 Dollars to repair the highways in S^{d} town the year Insuing

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Voted 400 dollars for the Rev. R. Anderson Salary the year Insuing

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Voted that the Selectmen Should let out the Collection of taxes the year Insuing

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Voted to Choose a Committee to view the roads at west part of S^{d} town and make report at April meeting of their doings
Dea. Nicholas Dodge
Abraham Dodge &
Isaac Porter where Chosen as a Committee for the above S^{d} purpose

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Gave in for Col^{n} Nathaniel Wade 44 votes for County Treasurer.

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the Land belonging to the town let out for one year to John Cleaves & W^{m} Brown for $14.10.

The Priv^{l} of ringing the bell let out to Jacob Dodge for one year for $3:20

Jacob Dodge Appointed pound keeper for the year Insuing

Wenham Jany 8, 1813

Sir. I propose that my annual Salary after the end of the next month be reduced to & Set at four Hundred dollars during the war with Great Britain unless the money or circulating currency Should be depreciated or Should Sink below its present

value; & this proposal I make in the expectation that, of their own accord without my asking for it, the parish at the close of the war, will reduce my Salary back to the former Stipulated Sum: for I as much desire to Share with them in prosperity as in adversity.

Signed Rufus Anderson

Paul Porter T. Clerk to be commucated to the parish

A true Record T. Porter T. Clerk

April Meeting 1813

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to Give in their votes for a Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution and other bisniss as by warrant on file may more fully appear, it being on Monday the fifth day of April 1813.

Given in for Caleb Strong Esq Seventy votes for Governor
for Joseph B. Varnum 22 votes for Governor
for William Phillips 70 votes for Lieu Governor
for William King Esquier 22 votes for Lieu Governor

Senators

for Thomas Stephens Seventy one votes
Daniel A White 71 votes
Moses Little 20 votes
William Pearce Esquire 20 votes

Timothy Pickering Esq Choosen Moderator To Govern S^{d}. Meeting

Dea. William Chosen Town Treasurer

Obadiah Dodge & Sam^{l}. Fisk Choos Collectors the year Insuing

Cap. I. A. Dodge & Benj^{a}. Edwards 2^{d} Chosen hay wards

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1813

Att a Meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in Order to give in their votes for a representative & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Tuesday the Eleventh day of May 1813.

(Viz) Given in for Dea. John Dodge 23 votes for Representative
" " for Paul Porter 18 votes " "
for John T. Dodge 3 votes " "

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator to Gov^{r}. S^{d} Meeting voted that the report of the towns Committee Should be pos - poned till March Meeting in 1814 &c ------

After hereing the letter read from the Selectmen of Danvers to the Selectmen of Wenham requesting the town of Wenham to Petion to the General Court to alter the mode of laying ought Road &c. voted that the Selectmen Sign S^{d} pitition in behalf of S^{d} town of Wenham, & forward it by their representative to the

General Court.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1814

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham Convened on tuesday the first day of March 1814 for the purpose of Choose-ing town officers for the year insuing & raise money & other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear. viz.

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter — Town Clerk

Paul Porter
Caleb Kimball
Downing Gentlee — Selectmen

William Dodge — T. Treasurer

Sam^{l}. Fisk
Obadiah Dodge — Constables

John Cleaves
N. Perkins
Joseph White — Tythingmen

Benj^{a}. Edwards 2^{d}
Nehemiah Standly
Uzziel Dodge
W^{m}. Dodge
Thomas Kimball
Caleb Kimball — Survayours of highways

N. Dodge 2^{d}
Edward Perkins
John Moulton — Survayors of Fence

Simon Wyett
Joshua Herrick
Jacob Allen — hogreaves

N. Dodge 2^{d}
Uzziel Dodge
John Moulton — Corders of Wood

John Cleaves
Stephen Dodge 2^{d}
Moses Horne — haywards

Cap. I. A. Dodge
Daniel Moulton

E.d Batchelder — Seal w & Measr

N. Perkins — Seal of Leather

N. Dodge 2d
I. Dodge — Surv Lumber

Isaac Porter
Nehem. Standley — Overseers poor
Richard Hood

Abraham Dodge
E.d Batchelder — fish Committee
Peter Dodge

Jacob Dodge — Poundkeeper

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the above officers Sworn

Voted 220 dollars for Schools the year insuing.

Voted 150 dollars for the poor the year insuing

Voted 400 dollars to repair the highways in Sd town the year insuing.

Voted 300 dollars for preaching the year insuing.
Voted that John T. Dodge William Dodge & John Baker be the Committee to supply the desk.

Gave in for Nathl Wade Esq 40 votes for County treasurer.

Poor let out by the overseers viz.
Widow E. Webber to William Porter for 98 Cents per week.
Elizabeth Meservey to Stephen Cook for 95 Cents per week --

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the privl of ringing the bell let out to James Cook for one year at 2 dollars

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Personage Land let to Wm. Dodge for one year for $30.50
Wyett land let to John Cleaves for one year for $14.50

Essex Ss March 26, 1814 Personally appeared Paul Porter of Wenham in Said County of Essex, Gentleman & was Sworn faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of the Office of Selectman for the town of Wenham respecting all elections & the returnes thereof, during the present year and until other Selectmen are Chosen & sworn in said town & also faithfully to perform all the other duties of his Office -----

Before Ichobod Tucker Jus: Pac:

A true record of the Cirtificate Attest P. Porter T. Clerk

Essex. Wenham April 4th. 1814 then Caleb Kimball & Downing Gentlee two of the Selectmen of said town Wenham, made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. Before me.

Paul Porter T. Clerk

April Meeting 1814

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to Give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators persuent to the Constitution, & other bisness as by warrant on file may more fully Appear it being on Monday the fourth day of April 1814.

For his Excel. Caleb Strong for Governor Sixty Six votes
for hon. Samuel Dexter for Governor twenty Five votes
His hon. William Phillips for Lieut Govr. Sixty Six do.
hon William Gray do do twenty five do.

Senators	No. votes	Senators	No. votes
Hon. Saml. Putnam	66	Hon. Thom. Kittredge	23
Hon. Nathl. Hooper	66	Hon. Daniel Kilham	23
Hon. John Varnum	66	Hon. Benja. W. Crowninshield	23
Hon. Thomas Stephens	66	Moses Little Esq.	23
Hon. Daniel A. White	66	Nathan B. Martin Esq.	23

2ly. John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator
3ly it was put to vote to See if the town wood rais the Sum of Eighty dollars in Addition for Schools & it past in the Negative.
4ly it was put to vote to See if the town wood do any thing towards repairing the Bridges at the East part of Sd town it past in the Negative.
5ly it was put to vote to See if the town wood purchas a hearse & it pas in the Negative

A true Record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1814

At a meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex in order to Chuse a representative to represent Sd town at the General Court the year insuing &

transact other business -as by warrant on file may more fully appear, it being on friday the thirteenth day of May 1814.

1ly voted to pospone Chooseing a representative for the year insuing
2ly John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator for Sd Meeting
3ly Cap. P. Brown Nathl Kimball & Paul Porter Chosen tithing men in addishtion to those Chosen at March Meeting.

A true record from the Min

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham on thursday the 28th day of July 1814 to See if the town would discharge the Standing Committee Chosen at March Meeting last to Supply the desk in Sd town & Choose a new Committee agree ably to their request

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator
2ly voted to discharge Sd Committee from any further duty.
3ly Chose Dea. Wm Dodge Dea. John Dodge & Richard Hood for a Committee to Supply the desk in Sd town with a Candadate
4ly voted to Choose a Committee of three persons to higher two men to go into the Service for three months voted that Paul Porter Lieut Nicholas Dodge & Caleb Kimball bee Sd Committee for Sd Servc

A true record from the Min.

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Novber Meeting

At a legal town meeting held at Wenham in the County of Essex on the first Monday of Novb. 1814. Qualified as the Constitution direct to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent the Essex South district in the Fourteenth Congress of the United States of America and other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear.

For	Hon. Timothy Pickering	forty five votes
	hon. Daniel Kilham	fourteen votes

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator

3ly it was put to vote to See if the town would Confuirm the doings of their Committee Chosen in July to higher two men to go into the Service for Ninety days & it past in the affermative.
4ly. it was put to vote to see if the town would do anything for the Detached men in Sd town & it past in the affirmative
5ly. voted that the Selectmen give the town treasurer orders to higher money to pay the detached men agreeable to their Committee's agreement.

A true record. Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1815

Att a legal Town meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham Convened on tuesday the Seventh day of March 1815 for the purpose of Choosing town officers for the year insuing and raise money & other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear, viz.

John T. Dodge Choosen Moderator

Paul Porter — T. Clerk

John Baker
Nath^{l}. Kimball
Nehemiah Standly — Selectmen

Abraham Dodge — T. Treasurer

Levi Dodge
Sam^{l} Fiske — Constables

Downing Gentlee
Nathl Perkins
Cap. J. Moulton — Surveyors of Highways

Cap. U. Dodge
Cap. N. Dodge
Cap. I. A. Dodge — Surveyors of Fence

John Cleaves
Cap. P. Brown
Sam^{l} Obear — hogreeves

Cap. N. Dodge
Cap. J. T. Dodge
David Woodbury — Corders of Wood

Benj^{a} Edwards
Moses Horn
Thomas Kimball — haywards

Dea W^{m} Dodge
Dea J. Dodge
Cap^{t}. I. A. Dodge — Tythingmen

Cap^{t} E^{d} Batchelder — Sea^{l} of wates & Measurers

Nath^{l} Perkins	Sea^{l} of Leather

Cap^{t} N. Dodge Jacob Dodge	Sur^{v} of Lumber

Isaac Porter Richard Hood Nehe^{m} Standley	Overseers of poor

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En^{s} W^{m} Dodge Dea. John Dodge Cap^{t} I. Dodge	Fish Committee

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Voted to rase Six Hundred Dollars for Schools & preaching in S^{d} town for the year insuing Eaqualy divided

voted to rase 150 dollars for the support of the poor for 1815

voted to rase 200 dollars for the repair of the highways the year insuing

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Dea. John Dodge) Dea. W^{m} Dodge) Richard Hood)	Choosen a Committee to supply the desk the year insuing

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Voted to raise 200 dollars to pay the towns debts & other exigences the year insuing

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Gave in for Nathaniel Wade Esq. 37 votes for County treasurer

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Poor let out by the overseers, viz. M^{rs} E. Webber to Thomas Kimball for one dollar per weak

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M^{rs} Meservey to James Cook for Ninety Seven Cents per weak

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the prive^{l} of ringing the bell let out to Moses Dodge for one year for $1..75

Personage land let to Edward Perkins for one year for $25..00
Wyett land let to John T. Dodge for one year for $18..00

May 2^{d} 1815: M^{r} Jacob Dodge was appointed by the Selectmen poundkeeper the year Insuing

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Town officers Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their respective offices & the Selectmen Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their trust respecting all elections and the return thereof

Before me Paul Porter T. Clerk

Preambulation Between Wenham and Danvers

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Wenham & Danvers March the 30th. 1815 meet and preambulated the line and renewed the bounds between Wenham & Danvers, begining as follows at a white oak Stump in the division wall between land of Paul Porter and John Bakers thence runing In a N.W. Direction to a willow tree in Israel Putnam, s 2d pastor thence in a N.E. direction to a Stake and Stones nigh the Southerly end of Wenham Casway thence over Sd. Casway to a Stake and stones abought Six rods to the west of the North end of the Casway on land of Jacob Towne it being the Corner bounds between Wenham Danvers and Topsfield.

Jonathan) Selectmen of John Baker) Selectmen of
John Page) Danvers Nath!. Kimball) Wenham

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

April Meeting 1815

Att a meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution and other business as by Warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the third day of April 1815:

For Governor his Excel!. Caleb Strong Sixty one votes
" " h hon. Samuel Dexter Twenty one "
for Lieut. Governor his hon. William Phillips Sixty one votes
" " " " hon. William Gray twenty one "

Senators	No. votes	Senators	No. votes
hon. Thomas Stephens	61	hon. Thomas Kittredge	21
" Nath. Hooper	61	" Daniel Kilham	19
" Nehem. Cleaveland	62	Moses Little Esq	21
John Pickering Esq	61	Nathan B. Martin Esq	21
Stephen Hooper Esq	61	Joseph Fuller "	21
		William Pearson	1

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator

Benja. Edwards Chosen T treasurer & Sworn in the rome of Mr. Abraham Dodge
Chosen at March Meeting. Benja. Edwards Chosen Constable & Sworn in rome of Levi Dodge ------
John Cleaves Chosen hayward & Sworn --------
voted not to asses the money rais at March meeting Seperate
voted to Choose a Committee to view the meeting House and Make report at May Meeting the expence of repairing the same
voted that Caleb Kimball Nath!. Kimball & Jacob Dodge bee a Committee for the above purpose.
And then Mr. Moderator Declared the meeting dissolved
A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1815

At a legal meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of essex in order to Chuse a representative to represent S^{d} town at the General Court the year insuing and transact other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the fifteenth day of May 1815 viz. votes where given in to the Selectmen as follows---

for Paul Porter fifteen votes
" John T. Dodge Six d^{o}
" John Baker one "

2^{ly} John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator To Gov^{r} S^{d} Meeting

3^{ly} it was put to vote to see if the Ministers tax should be assesed seperate from all other taxes for the year 1815 & it past in the Negative.

4^{ly} voted that little Cumfort have twenty dollars of the School money that was raised at March Meeting last for the Support of a woman School the Summer season & also Chose Dea William Dodge, Abraham Dodge & Downing Gentlee to be a Committee to inspect S^{d} School the year insuing ----

5^{ly} after hereing the report of the town Committee Chosen at April Meeting to view the meeting house and See what repairs was Necessary & report at this meeting it was voted that the Selectmen John Baker Nath^{l} Kimball & Nehemiah Standley be a Committee to repair S^{d} meeting house at the expence of the town & not to take down the Spire ----
and then M^{r}. Moderator declared the Meeting dissolved & it was dissolved accordingly.

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Town Meeting September 1815

At a legal meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham on thursday the 28th September to see what method the town will adopt respecting the repairs of the meeting house as by warrant on file may more fully appear ----

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator

2^{ly} voted to rebuild the tower or four square agreeable to M^{r}. Emersons Meeting House in Beverly ----

3^{ly} voted to Choose a Committee of three men ----

4^{ly} Capt Uzziel Dodge Lieu. Caleb Kimball & Dea. Wm Dodge where Chosen for the above purpose ----
voted that the above Committee Should see that the tower is rebuilt by the first of July 1815: ----
voted that the above Job be let out to the lowest bidder
voted that the above Committee Should sort the old lumber & Sell what they think proper ----
it was put to vote to see if the town would Consider M^{r}

Potter in regard to the damage done him in the late Storm and the town voted to pospone it to March Meeting 1816.

A true record

Attest Paul Porter T. Cler

Perambulation Between Wenham & Topsfield 1815

We the Subscribers having meet this first day of Decemb. 1815 in order to preambulate the line & renew the bounds between Wenham, & Topsfield, have proceeded as followeth Viz ---

Begining at a Stone near the Northwesterly end of Wenham Casway /So Called/ marked T.W.D. being a Bounds between Wenham Topsfield & Danvers from thence North 36 1/2 east 117 1/2 polls to a stone marked W.T. by a wall dividing Jacob & Joshua Towns, land from thence thence North 15 East 82 1/2 polls to a Stone marked W. T. at the North east Corner of Robinsons Island (So Colled) thence north 20 1/2 East 60 polls to a Stone marked W. T. at the west side of wenham, Island thence North 58 1/2 east 29 polls to the river near a stone marked W.T. the north east side of Wenham Island thence easterly by the river to Hamilton line &c.

Moses Wildes)	Selectmen	John Baker)	Selectmen
David Town)	of	)	of
John Peabody)	Topsfield	Nath^{l}. Kimball)	Wenham

December Meeting 1815

Att a legal meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham, Conven, d on Thursday the 28th. day of Decemb. 1815 at 2. O, Clock. P.M. Agreeable to a warrant from the Selectmen of S^{d}. town to See if the town would Give the Rev. W^{m}. Hubbard a Call as by Warrant on file may more fully appear. Viz.

John T. Dodge Chosen Moderator of S^{d}. Meeting

2^{ly} it was put to vote to see if the town would give the rev. M^{r}. Hubbard a Call to Settle in S^{d}. town and it past in the Afirmative.

3^{ly} voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to Jany the 11th day 1816 at 2. O, Clock P.M. at the Meeting House --

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Att a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment on Thursday the Eleventh day of Jan^{y}. 1816, and they did but meet & adjourned S^{d} Meeting to Tuesday the 23^{d}. Instant at 2. O, Clock P.M. at the meeting House in S^{d}. town.

John T. Dodge Moderator.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

Att a legal Town Meeting of the inhabitants of Wenham held by an adjournment of Tuesday the 23d day of Jany. 1816 for the purpose of giving the Rev. Ebenz. Hubbard a Call.

John T. Dodge Moderator of Sd M.

1ly voted to Concur with the Church late vote in giving the rev. Ebenr Hubbard a Call to be their Minister of the Gospel in Sd town----

2ly voted to give Mr Hubbard four Hundred dollars and the use of the personage land per year as long as he continues to preach the gispel in Sd town ----

3ly voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to Confer with Mr Hubbard & inform him of the doing of Sd town vote & that Dea John Dodge Israac Porter & Nathl Kimball be a Committee for the above purpose

And then Mr Moderator Declared the Meeting to be dissolved.

A true record Attest P. Porter T. C.

March Meeting 1816

Att a legal town meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of wenham Convened on tuesday the 5th day of March 1816, for the purpose of Chusing town officers for the year insuing & raise money & other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear, Viz.

Capt. Isaac Dodge Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter	T. Clerk
John Baker Nehm Standley Nathl Kimball	Selectmen
John Dodge Esq	T. Treasurer
Saml Fisk Stephen Dodge	Constables
Capt I. A. Dodge Abraham Dodge Wm Cleaves Capt I. Dodge	Surveyors of highways
Thoms Kimball Edward Perkins Nehemh Standley	Surveyors of Fence
Josiah M. Kimball Joshua Herrick Joshua Cleves	hogreeves

David Woodberry N. Kimball Capt N. Dodge	Corders of Wood

Joseph White Ed Batchelder Azra Dodge John Cleaves	haywards

Daniel Butman Nehem Perkins Dea Wm. Dodge	Tythingmen

Capt Ed Batchelder — Seal of Waits & Measurers

Caleb Kimball Jacob Dodge Capt N. Dodge	Surveyr of Lumber

Paul Porter Saml Obear Abraham Dodge	Overseers of the poor

Ens Wm. Dodge Capt N. Dodge Capt I. Dodge	fish Committee

Voted to pas by the third article in the Warrant till April Meeting

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Voted $150 dollars for Schools the year insuing

Voted 200 dollars for the repairs of highways the present year

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Voted 150 dollars for the poor the year insuing

Voted 410 dollars for the repairs of the Meeting House

Voted to Choos a Committee to view the Bridge at Orns Mills & make a report at April Meeting next --- Saml Obear - Isaac Porter & Paul Porter where Chosen for the above purpose

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Voted to make up Avilah Dodge pay Equal to the other detached in Sd town

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Poor let out by the overseers Viz. Mrs Webber to Saml Obear for 99 Cents per weak

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Mrs Meservy to Moses Dodge for 120 Cents per week

April Meeting 1816

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution and other Business as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being Monday the first day of April 1816.

For Governor (Major Genl John Brooks sixty two votes
(Hon. Samuel Dexter twenty nine votes

For Lieut Governor (His hon. Wm Phillips sixty two votes
(Hon. Wm King twenty nine votes

For Senators	No		No
Hon. Dudley L. Pickman	62	hon. Thomas Kittredge	28
" Israel Bartlett	62	" Daniel Kilham	27
" Nehemh Cleaveland	62	" Nathan B. Martin	27
" John Pickering	62	" Jabiz Farley	27
" Stephen Hooper	62	David Cummings	27
		Moses Townsend Esqr	1

John T. Dodge Esq Chosen Moderator

gave in 49 votes for Amos Choate for Regester of Deeds
gave in 30 Do. for Nathl Wade Esq for County treasurer
gave in 9 Do. for Jabiz Farley for Do Do

David Perkins Chosen Surveyor of highways & Sworn
Richard Hood Capt Pelatiah Brown & Abraham Dodge Chosen as a Committee to Supply the desk in Sd Town with a Candidate--
Voted $100 dollars to pay the towns debts &c --
Voted $200 dollars for preaching the year Insuing --

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1816

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex to see if the town would send a representative to the General Court the insuing year and it was put to vote to see if sd town would send a representative and it past in the afairmative -------

Paul Porter was Chosen representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be Convened & held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May. ----- it being on thursday the 16th day of May 1816 ----
the Selectmen laid a list of Jurymen before sd town and the town approved of sd list as they Stood. in the box.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Qualified voters of the town of Wenham convened on thursday the 20th. day of June 1816 to see if the town would take any measures respecting the resettlement of sum gospel Minester in s.d town, as by warrant on file may more fully appear.

Hon. Timothy Pickering Chosen Moderator

2ly voted to take measures to Settle a Gospel Minester in said town.

3ly voted that the towns Committee should not higher any other Candadate but Mr. Hubbard ----

4ly it was put to vote to see if the Committee should higher Mr. Hubbard till the Minester money was spent and the vote was declaired to bee Equiel -----
and then Mr Moderator desolv, d the meeting and accordingly it was disolved.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

1816 Perambulation between Wenham & Manchester

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Wenham & Manchester having meet this 20th. day of June 1816 to perambulate the line and renew the bounds between the towns above named have proceeded as follows: begining at a heap of rocks at Beverly Corner /so Called/ from thence to a pine Marked W.M. from thence to Dodges Stump /so Called/which is the Corner bounds, between the towns of Wenham, Manchester & Hamilton.

D. L. Bingham	) Selectmen	Nath.l Kimball	) Selectmen
	) of		) for
Henry Lee	) Manchester	Nehem. Standley	) Wenham

At a legal town Meeting held at Wenham in the County of Essex on Monday the first day of Novemb. 1816 Qualified as the Constitution directs to give in their votes to the Selectmen for one representative to represent the essex South distrect in the fifteenth Congress of the United States of America. &c.

For Hon. Thomas Stephens	Thirty three votes
For Capt. Nath.l Silsbee	Nineteen votes

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1817

At a legal town meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham, Convened on tuesday the 4th. day of March 1817 for the purpos of Chuseing town officers for the year insuing and to rase money as by Warrant on file may more fully appear. Viz.

John T. Dodge Esq. Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter T. Clerk

Nath^{l} Kimball John Baker Nehe^{m} Standley	Selectmen
Dea. John Dodge	T. Treasurer
Stephen Dodge Caleb Kimball	Constables
N. Standley Cap^{t} N. Dodge Jacob Dodge Stephen Dodge Sam^{l} Fiske Josiah M. Kimball	Surveyors of highways
Downing Gentlee Edward Perkins Stephen Cook	Surveyors of fence
Stillman Dodge Timothy Higgins Cap^{t} P. Brown Sam^{l} Hood	hogreeves
Cap^{t} N. Dodge Cap^{t} J. T. Dodge Caleb Dodge	Corders of Wood
John Cleaves Cap^{t} U. Dodge Simeon Friend	haywards
Downing Gentlee N. Kimball Paul Porter	Tythingmen
Cap^{t} Edmund Batchelder	Sea^{l} of W. & Mr.
Jacob Dodge Simeon Friend John Porter	Surveyors of lumber
Paul Porter Sam^{l} Obear John T. Dodge Esq	Overseers of the Poor

Selectmen	fish Committee
Rev. John Kimball Capt. Isaac Dodge Capt. U. Dodge	Towns Comt. to inspect the Schools
Capt. N. Dodge Downing Gentlee Benja. Edwards	East District School Committee
Capt. Ed. Batchelder Capt. Wm. Kimball Nathl. Perkins	Middle District School Committee
John Baker Thom. Kimball Simeon Friend	West District School Committee

voted $150 for Schools the year insuing.

voted $200 for the poor the year insuing.

voted $200 for the repairs of highways the year insuing.

Gave in 38 votes for Nathl Wade Esq. for County treasurer

voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to purchaes Rocks for the bridge at Orns Mills & lay their doing before the town at April meeting. Dea. N. Dodge Dea Wm. Dodge & Mr. Abraham Dodge where Chosen for the above purpose ----

Poor let out by the Overseers Viz. E. Meservy to Jona. Porter at $1..45 Cts. pr wk. E. Webber to Sally Dodge at 98 Cts. pr. wk. M. Norris to Sally Dodge at 87. pr wk.

April Meeting 1817

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution and other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the Seventh day of April 1817.

For Governor	(his Excellency (John Brooks	Sixty three votes
	((Majr Genl. Henry Dearborn	twenty seven do
For Lieut. Govern	(his hon. (William Phillips	Sixty three votes
	(hon. William King	twenty seven votes

Senators	votes			votes
hon. Dudley L. Pickman	63	hon.	Thomas Kittredge	26
" Israel Bartlett	63	"	Daniel Kilham	25
" Nehemiah Cleveland	63		David Cummings	26
William B. Bannister	63		Joshua Printiss	26
& Leverett Saltonstall Esq	63		Israel Trask	26
			Moses Townsend Esq	1

John T. Dodge Esq Chosen Moderator to gov.Sd Meeting
Voted to rase 250$ for preaching the year insuing
Dea. Wm. Dodge Adam Redington & the hon. Timothy Pickering where Chosen a Committee to supply the desk with a Candidate
Voted 200$ to pay the towns debts & other Contingincess the year insuing -
voted that 20 Dollars out of the above sum be given to Little Comfort so Called for a Summer School -------
Voted not to exempt any person from paying his tax for the repairs of the Meeting house the year past.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1817

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to see if the Sd town would send a representative to the General Court the year insuing to be begun & held on the last Wednesday of May 1817 as by warrant on file may more fully appear it being on the 8th. day of May 1817. it was put to vote to see if the town would sent a representative and it pas in the Afairmative - - - - -
Votes given in where as follows /Viz/

Paul Porter	Seventeen	Votes
John T. Dodge	one	do
John Baker	one	do

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk.

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Wenham on Friday the 15th. day of August 1817 to see if the town would Concur with the Church in giving the Rev. John Smith a Call to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry of sd town - - - -
Hon Timothy Pickering Chosen Moderator
After maturre Consideration the town voted to Concur with the Church in giving the Rev. John Smith a Call to settle in sd town & voted to give four Hundred dollars and the improvement of the personage land as a yearly Salary so long as he shall perform the duties as a Minister in Sd town. Voted to Chuse a Committee to inform the Rev. John Smith of the doings of Said town & Church Dea John Dodge Dea Wm Dodge & Mr Isaac Porter where Chosen for the above purpose - - - -

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

To the Church and other Inhabitants of Wenham.

Beloved Brethen and Friends --

The invitation which I received through your Committee, to Settle with you in the gospel ministry, I have viewed as a subject very serious and important. I have been in some doubt concerning my duty, of course my answer has been delayed longer then otherwise it would have been. It has been my aim, as I hope, to view the subject in the fear of God, humbly looking to him to lead me in that way which will be for his glory. I am, I think, in a degree sensible, that the consequences of my decision will not be confined chiefly to myself, but will be connected with your eternal interest, and with the everlasting welfare of your children, the consequences will extend to the judgment; they will reach into eternity these are solem considerations, and, I hope, have had some influence on my mind, in forming a decision on this subject. After much deliberation, and some feeble attempts to ask light from God, I am so far convinced of my duty, as to return an answer to your invitation. I do, therefore, cheerfully comply, with your request to settle with you in the gospel ministry. It is with a trembling heart, that I have made up my mind again to take the particular charge of immortal souls. Experience in the ministry has apprised me of the difficulty of the work; and, I think I am not wholly unacquainted with my own insufficiency for the faithful discharge of those duties, in view of which, an impish apostle was constrained to ask who is sufficint for these things; I hope for your friendship; I earnestly solicit your fervent prayers to God, that I may be a faithful and successful minister; but I desire to put my whole trust in him who has said, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Now my beloved Brethren and friends, after commending you to God and to the power of his grace, which is able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith in christ Jesus, I subscribe my Self

Your servant in the gospel
Signed John Smith

A true Copy from the minnites

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Wenham, on the 5th day of November 1817. to see what time the town will appoint for the instalment of the Rev. John Smith, as by warrant on file may more fully appear. Viz. - -

Capt. Isaac Dodge Chosen Moderator
Stephen Dodge Chosen Clerk protem
3^{d} appointed the 3^{d} day of Decem^{b} next for the instalment of the Rev. John Smith --
4.^{ly} Chose Dea W^{m} Dodge M^{r} Nath^{l} Kimball Dea John Dodge M^{r} Nath^{l} Perkins & Cap^{t} I. A. Dodge a Committee to make provision for the counsel on the day of the instalation of the rev.

John Smith - - - -
5ly. voted to reconsider the 3d article above and be left to the discretion of the committee to appoint a day for the instalment --
6ly. voted to leave to the committee the number the counsil shall consit of - - - -

A true Copy from the Original

Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

March Meeting 1818

At a legal Town meeting of the Qualified voters of Wenham, Convened on tuesday the 3d day of March 1818 for the purpose of Chuseing town officers for the year insuing and rase money &c. as by warrant on file may more fully appear - - -

John T. Dodge Esqr Chosen Moderator

Paul Porter T. Clerk

Paul Porter
Caleb Kimball
Benja Edwards — Selectmen

N. Kimball — T. Treasurer

Josiah M. Kimball
Stephen Dodge — Constables

Samuel Wood
Capt Ed Batchelder
J. T. Dodge Esq — Surveyors of Highways

Capt I. A. Dodge
Edward Perkins
Obad Dodge — Surveyors of fence

Stephen Cook
James Cook
Capt I. Dodge — hogreeves

Simeon Friend
J. T. Dodge
Nathl Dodge — Corders of Wood

T. Kimball
John Cleaves
N. T. Perkins 2d
J. S. Dodge
Downing Gentlee — haywards

Paul Porter J. T. Dodge Levi Dodge	Tythingmen
Capt Edd Batchelder	S. w. & Meas
C. Kimball Jacob Dodge Capt N. Dodge	Surveyors of Lumber
Saml Obear Paul Porter J. T. Dodge Esq	Overseers of Poor
Selectmen	fish Committee
Rev. John Smith John Baker Abraham Dodge	School Committee
Simeon Friend Capt I. A. Dodge Thomas Kimball	West district School Committee
Nathl Perkins Wm Kimball Jacob Dodge	Middle district School Committee
N. Standley Obad Dodge Ens Wm Dodge	East district School Committee

Voted $200 dollars for Schools the year insuing

Voted $400 dollars for the poor & other exigences for the year insuing

Voted 200 dollars for the repairs of highways the year insuing

Voted 510 for the rev. J. Smith, up to March 1819.

Voted to Chuse a Committee to view the bridge at Orns Mills and make a report at April Meeting what Sum or Sums of money they shall be paid if any -- Dea. John Dodge Isaac Porter & A Dodge where Chosen for the above purpose

Poor let out by the Overseers Viz. Mrs Webber to T. Kimball at 97/100 per week Mrs Meservey to J. Cook at $1,69 per wk Molly Pearce to J. M. Kimball at 2 0/100 do.

Collection of taxes west district to Simeon Friend for $2.00 for a hundred dollars ------ East to Stephen Dodge for 1,75 on a hund

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the Wyatt land let for $16 dollars - - -

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the bell to J. Dodge for - two dollars & 35/100

April Meeting 1818

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex in order to give in their votes for a Governor Lieut Governor & Senators persuant to the Constitution & other business as by Warrant on file may more fully appear it being on Monday the Sixth day of April 1818.

For Governor (his Excellency John Brooks fifty Seven votes
(hon. Benjamin Crowninshield ten votes

For Lieu Govr (his honor William Phillips fifty seven votes
(hon. Thomas Kittredge ten votes

Senators & Counsellors		Senators & Counsellors	
hon. Dudley L. Pickman	57 votes	hon. Daniel Kilham	Nine votes
" Israel Bartlett	57 do.	Joshua Printiss Jnr	10 do.
" Neheh Cleaveland	57 do.	Capt Israel Trask	10 do.
" Wm B. Bannister	57 do.	Stephen Barker Esq.	10 do.
" Leverett Saltonstall	57 do.	Capt Stephen White	10 do.
		David Cummings	1 do.

John T. Dodge Esq. Chosen Moderator - - - -
Gave in 35 votes for Col. Nathaniel Wade County Treasurer
Voted to rase one Hundred dollars for the poor in addishen to what was rased at March meeting.
Levi Dodge & Dea Wm Dodge Chosen Surveyors of highways & sworn
Moses Dodge & Capt P. Brown Chosen haywards & sworn
David Perkins Chosen Corder of wood

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

May Meeting 1818

At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex on tuesday the 12th day of May 1818 for the purpose of Choosing one representative to represent them at

the General Court the year insuing and other business as by warrant on file may more fully appear - - -
Votes for the following persons where given in for representatives for Paul Porter Nineteen Votes
for John T. Dodge Esq thirteen votes

2ly John T. Dodge Esq Chosen Moderator
3ly voted to give Little Comfort so Called, twenty dollars for the support of a School the year insuing.
the Committee Chosen at March Meeting to view the bridge at orns Mills made a verbail report that Capt N. Dodge be paid twenty dollars for his Servasis on Sd bridge -- --
4ly the voted to accept Sd report

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, holden at the Meeting House in said town, on the second day of November being the first Monday in said month A.D. 1818. -
Votes for the following persons to represent the people of Said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Essex South district were given in as follows, Viz.
For Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee Nine votes.

Hon. Timothy Pickering ten votes.

A true record Attest Paul Porter T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Qualified voters of the Town of Wenham convened on tuesday the 2d day of march 1819 for the purpous of choosing town Officers for the year insuing and rase money &c

John T. Dodge Esquire Chosen Moderator

John T. Dodge Jr. — Town Clerk

John T. Dodge Jr.
Capt. Isaac Dodge
Simeon Friend — Selectmen

Nathl Kimball — T. Treasurer

Stephen Dodge
Josiah M. Kimball — Constables

John Baker
Moses Horn
John Knowlton
Wm Dodge 2d
Obediah Dodge — Surveyors of the highway

Oliver Woodberry David Perkins Downing Gentlee	Surveyors of fences
Stephen Cook Thomas Masury Stephen Dodge	hogreves
Josiah M. Kimball Edward Perkins Capt. Nicholas Dodge Nehemiah Standlee	Surveyors of wood
Josiah M. Kimball Jacob Dodge Benjamin Edwards Downin Gentlee John Cleaves Joshua Herrick	haywards
Josiah M. Kimball Moses Horn Dean Wm Dodge Colo Paul Porter	Tythingmen
Capt Edmund Batchelder	S of W & measures
Capt Caleb Kimball Jacob Dodge Silvester Wilkins	Surveyors of Lumber
John Baker Capt Moses Foster Abraham Dodge	Overseers of the Poor
John T. Dodge Jr Capt Isaac Dodge Simeon Friend	Fish Committy
Colo Paul Porter Capt Moses Foster John T Dodge Esq	School Committy

Voted $200 for Schooling for the year insuing

Voted $400 for the ministry for the year insuing

Voted $300 for the Support of the Poor for the year insuing

Voted $200 for the Support of the highway the year insuing
Committy chosen for takeing a new valuation on the property in the Town of Wenham Colo Paul Porter Capt Uzziel Dodge John T. Dodge Esqr.

Wyatt Land let out for the year insuing at 9$
Ringing the Bell for the year insuing $1..90 J. Cook
Collecting taxes for the west ward $2.00 per $100
Collecting taxes for East ward 1..69 per $100
Let out to Josiah M. Kimball
Mrs Masury let out James Cook $1.97 pr week

April Meeting 1819

Att a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex, in order to give in there votes for a Governor; Lieu^{t} Governor; and Senators; agreeable to the Constitution of this commonwealth; and other buisiness as by warrent may more fully appear.-

It being on Monday the 5th day of April 1819

For Governor (His Excelancy John Brooks Sixty Seven votes
(The Honerabl Benjamin Crowninshield twenty four votes

For Lieut. Governor (Hon Wm Phillips sixty seven votes
(Hon Benjamin Austin twenty four votes

Senators & Councilors		Senators & Councilirs	
Hon. Israel Bartlet	67	Hon. Daniel Kilham	22
" Leveritt Saltonstall	67	Moses Lille	23
" Wm B..Bannister	67	John Kneeland	23
Ralph H. French Esqr	67	Joshua Prentice Jr	23
Sam^{l} Adams Esqr	67	and Israel Trask Esqrs	23

John T Dodge Esqr Chosen Moderator

Gave in 47 votes for Colo Nathaniel Wade for County treasurer voted to rase fifty dollars for the Support of the poor
passed a vote to see if the town would pay a ballanc du the widdow Hannah Friend and passed in the negative
Passed a vote to see if the town would paint the meetinghous and it passed in the negative

A trew rec^{cord} Attest John T. Dodge Jr T Clerk

May Meeting 1819

Att a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, in the County of Essex, in order to Choose a representative to represent s^{d} Town for the year insuing at the General Court to be begun and held on the last Wednesday of May 1819 as by warrent on File may more fully appear.
it being on friday the 14 day of may 1819
1st voted to see if the town would send a representative and it passed in the negative.

A true reccord Attest John T Dodge Jr Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Qualified voters convened on tuesday the 31st day of August 1819 as by warrant on file may more fully appear for the purpose of choosing a council for the deciding upon the affairs of our Pastor concerning this remova from this parrish
1st passt the vote to See if the town would choos a council and pased in the negative.

A true reccord Attest

John T. Dodge Jr

Colo Paul Porter Chosen)
Moderator)

Att a legal town meeting of the qualified Voters of the town of Wenham in the County of Essex convened october the 12th 1819. for the perpous of choosing a committee to supply the Desk with a gospell Preacher so long as the money now rased may be sufficient or act anything thereon as by warrant on file may more fully appear
1st Capt Moses Foster chosen moderator to govern s^{d} meeting
2^{d} Stephen Dodge chosen Clerk pro^{tm} of s^{d} meeting
3^{d} Voted to Chose three men as a committee to supply the desk with a minister
4th Capt Isaac Dodge Dea John Dodge and Colo Paul Porter chosen for the above perpouse

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At a meeting of the quallified voters of the town of Wenham held on tuesday the 14 day of december 1819 at 2 O'clock P. M. agreeable to a warrant from the Selectm of sd town for the perpous of seeing if the town would imploy the Rev^{t} Mr. Sperrey as a preacher any longer or act anything thereon as by warrant on file may more fully appear
Dea John Dodge Chosen Moderator of sd Meeting
2^{d} it was put to vote to see if the town would imploy the Revt mr Sperrey any longer & voted to imploy him 3 Sabaths longer--

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At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on tuesday the 28th day of december 1819 for the purpose of seeing if the town would give the Revt Mr. Sperrey a call in

the Ministry as by warrant on file may more fully appear - -
1st John T. Dodge Esqr chosen Moderator - -
2d Voted to choos a committee of two persons for the purpose of going to the parish in Dunstable where the Revt Mr Sperrey was lately the Minister to inquire into the caus of his sepperation from his people and report the information they obtaine to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting
3d Dea John Dodge and Capt Moses Foster choosen for the above purpose - -
4th Voted to adjourn this meeting until the Eleventh day of January 1820 on tuesday at 3 oclock P. M.

A true reccord Attes John T. Dodge Jr T Clerk

At a legal meeting of the quallified voters in the town of Wenham held on tuesday the 11th day of January 1820 agreeable to an adjournment from the 28th day of December last - - -
first Voted the report of the committee as satisfactory as far forth as relates to the charicter of the Revt Mr. Sperrey
Secondly Voted to give the Revt Mr. Sperrey a call in the Minestry and pased in the afirmative -

turn over

3d Voted to give Mr. Sperrey a call in the Minestry and passed in the afirmative - Choos a committee for the purpose of forming a system relative to the settlement of Mr Sperrey - report of the committee is that the town give Mr Sperry the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars with the addition of the Parsonag and towns pue as a salery for his support so long as he remains there minister -
4 pased a vote to see if the town would accept the above report of the committee and pased in the afirmative. The abbove committee further more report that the conditions of settlement are that either party either Minister or people shall have the privilidge of separation at any time by giving six months notice of there dissatisfaction - the above reports of the committee were accepted by the town by a unanimous vote
5 Voted to choos a committee of five persons for the purpose of presenting to the Revt Mr Sperrey the result of this meeting -

A true reccord Attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

At a meting of the quallified voters of the town of Wenham held on tuesday the 15th day of Febuary 1820 to see what alterations the town would make relative to the Settlement of mr Sperrey as by warrant on file may more fully appear -
1st Voted Colo Porter Chosen Moderator of sd meeting
2d Voted the Revt Ebinezer P. Sperrey two or three Sabbaths in a year for his purpose -
3d Voted that this town be at the Expence of a Mutual Council, provided the sepperation between sd town & Mr Sperrey Should take place by reason of failure of obligation on the part of sd town
4th Voted to pay Mr Sperrey quarterly and pased in the negative

Voted to pay him his Salary Semiannually and pased in the afirmative ---
5th Voted to sell the Wyatt land so called and pased in the negative -

A true Record Attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

March Meeting 1820

At a meeting of the quallified Voters of the town of Wenham held on tuesday the 7th day of March 1820 for the purpose of Choosing town Officers for the year insuing raising money & other artecles as by warrant on file may more fully appear

John T. Dodge Esqr Chosen Moderator

John T. Dodge Jnr	T. Clerk
Isaac Dodge Thomas Kimball John T. Dodge Jnr	Select Men
Nath^{l} Kimball	T treasurer
Josiah M. Kimball Stephen Dodge	Constables
Samuel Fisk Josiah M. Kimball Nathan Preston Edmund Batchelder Jnr Dea. W^{m} Dodge W^{m} Dodge 2^{d} Downing Gentlee	Surveyors of highways
Josiah M. Kimball David Perkins William Cleaves	Surveyors of Fences
Isaac Porter 2^{d} Jacob Dodge Benjamin Gentlee	Hogreeves
David Woodberry David Perkins Capt Nicholas Dodge	Corders of Wood
Josiah M. Kimball Capt Peletiah Brown Downin Gentlee	Haywards

Joseph White Colo Paul Porter Downing Gentlee Edward Purkins	Tythingmen
Capt. Edmund Batchelder	Sealers of Wts and measure
Capt Caleb Kimball Jacob Dodge Silvester Wilkins	Surveyors of lumber
Capt Uzziel Dodge Wm Dodge 2d Samuel Hood	Oversears of the Poor
Capt Isaac Dodge Thomas Kimball John T. Dodge Jnr	Fish Committee
Revt Ebinezer P. Sperry Colo P. Porter John Moulton John T. Dodge Esqr John Baker Capt Uzziel Dodge Capt. Nicholas Dodge	School Committee for the Town Turn over

Voted the aforesaid School committee should make a report at the next March Meeting relative to the improvement of the several Schools in this Town -
Capt Moses Foster Moses Horn & Nathl Perkins chosen district School committee for the middle district School Capt Nicholas Dodge Dea Wm Dodge & Nehemiah Standlee chosen school committee for the east district school
Voted there should be two hundred dollars for schooling the insuing year -
Voted three hundred dollars for the Support of the poor for the insuing year -
Voted four hundred and fifty dollars for the Ministers Salary for the insuing year -
Voted two hundred dollars for the repair of highways for the insuing year -
Dea William Dodge Dea John Dodge & Capt Moses Foster chosen for a Committee to unite with the Revt Ebinezer P. Sperry in a Council for the purpose of his reinstallment

The Collection of taxes let out to Capt Caleb Kimball for the West Destrict at two dollars on a hundred -

The East destrict let out to Stephen Dodge at one dollar and fifty cents per hundred -

the Wyatt land let out to Simon Wyatt for nine dollars
ringing the Bell to James Cook for one dollars & fifty cts

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex So. March the 7th 1820

at a legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Wenham duly notifyed and held on tuesday the 7th day of march 1820
Voted that the town hereby accept the donation of five hundred dollars made by Edmund Kimball of Newbury Port in s^{d} County of Essex for the purpose of aiding in the support of the Gospel in this town on the terms & conditions Stipulated in the instrument of assignment by s^{d} Kimball on the Eighteenth day of febuary A.D on thousand eight hundred and twenty -

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

Voted the thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr Edmund Kimball for his benevolance in making the aforesaid donation to this town-
Voted that a Committee of five persons be chosen for the above purpose - the Revt Ebenezer P Sperry, Dea Wm Dodge, Dea John Dodge, Colo Paul Porter, and Capt Moses Foster; chosen for the said Committee. -

The Subscriber fealing a strong attachment to his native Town and being desirous to express that attachment by some token which shall be acceptable to the present inhabitants thereof and useful to their posterety; - and more especially, fealing the importance of supporting the regular and stated ministration of the Gospell, as the best means of promoting the present and futur happiness of mankind has thought proper to make the following donation. - Viz -

I Edmund Kimball of Newburypor in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusett Merchant, do hereby give and assign to the Town of Wenham, in the said County of Essex, the sum of Five Hundred dollars as a Capital fund for the express purpose of aiding in the support of a regular Congregational or Presbyterian Clergyman, in said town; to be disposed of and managed in manner following Viz
First - The said sum of money to be invested in the Stock of the United States, or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or in some other Stock bearing interest which shall in the judgment of the Selectmen of said Town of Wenham, be secure, or loaned to reputable men of said Town on Mortgage of real estate of at least double the amount, and kept at interes:- Two thirds of the interes or annual income of said fund for the term of Forty years from the date hereof, to be paid annually to the stated Minister of said Town of Wenham, for the time being, who shall have been regularly ordained either on the Congregational or Presbyterian plan, in addition to the Sum which may be voted and granted to said Minister by the said Town. -
The other third part of the interes or annual income of said Fund to be added to the principal thereof annually, and invested or loaned from time to time in the same manner. - and durin such

period or periods of time, as said Town may be destitute of an ordained Congregational or Presbyterian Minister, the whole interest of said fund shall be added to the principal and invested or loaned as aforesaid. -
Secondly. At the expiration of Forty years from this date, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty, when it is expected said fund with the accumulation of interest will amount to two thousand dollars or more, that the said Town, shall appropriate the whole interest or annual income of Said Fund, towards the support of a regular ordaind Congregational or Presbyterian Minister in said town of Wenham, and whenever a vacancy by death or otherwise shall tak place, the income of said Fund shall be added to the principal thereof, untill another Congregation or Presbyterian Minister shall be ordained. -
And whereas the express design of this Donation, as before stated is to aide in the support of the regular Ministration of the Gospel in the said Town of Wenham, the Doner hereby comits the said sum of Five hundred dollars to the said Town as a sacred trust to be forever preserved distinct from all other property of said town for the purpose aforesaid; and the interest or annual income thereof to be forever disposed of and appropriated to the support fo regularly ordained Congregational or Presbyterian Clergyman in said Town as before mentioned. The magement of said Fund to be under the direction of said Town of Wenham for the time being as trustees thereof, they the said Selectmen being at all times accountable to said Town for the faithful discharg of the Trust hereby committed to them. and the said Doner doth hereby require of said Town of Wenham as conditions of there acceptance and receipt of the Donation or Fund herein mentioned, that Duplicates of this instrument shall be exchanged between him and the said Town, with a certified copy of the vote of said town inserted thereon together with the Treasurer's receipt for the money;- that the terms of this Instrument be inserted on the records of said Town;
and said terms be at all times hereafter faithfully and strictly adheard to, on the part of the said Town and its Officers and in default thereof the said Fund to revert back to him the said Edmund Kimball or his heirs. -

In witniss wereof I the said Edmund Kimball have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twnty. -

Signed and sealed in
presence of us -
Samuel Tenney Edmund Kimball
Edward H. Holland

Essex. SS Wenham March the 7th 1820.

Receaved of Edmund Kimball; Five hundred dollars; it being the amount assigned to said Town, of Wenham, by this instrument, to be managed and impoved, according to the stipulations, and for, the purpose stated in said instrument.

Wenham March the 14th 1820 - For value receaved I promise to pay to the Town of Wenham the sum of five hundred dollars on demand with interest untill paid it being the money assigned to said Town of Wenham by Edmund Kimball of Newbury Port
$500.00 Signed by Isaac Dodge
Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T Clerk

April Meeting

At a meeting of the quallified Voters of the town of Wenham held on monday the third day of April in the year of our Lord 1820 for the purpose of giving in there votes for Governor, Lieut Governor, and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear -

For Governor (His Excel^{y} John Brooks had fifty five votes
(The Hon. William Eustes had Eighteen do

For Lieut Gov^{n} (His Honour William Phillips had fifty five do
(The Honerabl Benjamin Austin had Eighteen do

For senators (The Hon. Israel Bartlet had seventy three do
(The Hon. Dudley L. Pickman had fifty five do
(Robert Rantoul Esqr had fifty five do
(Ebenezer Moseley Esqr seventy three do
(Hobert Clarke Esqr fifty five do
(Willard Peele Esquire had Eighteen do
(David Cummings Esqr had Eighteen do
(Joseph Kittridge had Eighteen do

turn over

John T. Dodge Esqr Chosen Moderator to govern sd. Meeting
Votes given in for County Treasurer -
Nathaniel Wade Esqr had forty eight - Votes
Voted to raise fifty dollars for the support of the Poor & other expences for the year insuing -
Voted that the said Town hereby order the Oversears of the Poor to fulfill their duty as the Law directs respecting the take-ing and bind out the Wyatt Children within the said Town -
Voted that this meeting be disolved -

A true reccord attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

Preambulation of the line between Wenham and Danvers.

We the subscribers Seletmen having met this eleventh day of May A. D. 1820; for the purpose of preambulatiing the line, & renewing the bounds, between the Towns, of Wenham & Danvers; & Have proceeded as follows - Viz Beginning at a stone, mark-ed W. D. B. standing in the wall between Colo Paul Porter's & John Baker's farmes, from thence northerly to a Willow tree marked W. D. near Leaches meadow so called, at the easterly end of a divisional wall on the farm owned by Israel Putnam Jnr; from thence to a stake and stones standing on the westerly side of Wenham causeway; from thence to a stone marked W. T. D.

standing at the westerly end of s^{d} causway about six polls to the westward that being the bounds between s^{d} Wenham Danvers and Topsfield.

Israel Putnam Jnr	) Selectmen	John T. Dodge Jnr	)Selectmen
Thomas Putnam	) of	Thomas Kimball	)of Wenham
Joseph Shed	) Danvers		
Moses Preston	)		

May Meeting 1820

At a meeting of the quallified voters of the town of Wenham held on tuesday, the eighth day of may 1820 - for the purpose of choosing a representative to represent them at the general Court to be convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May as by warrant on file may more fully appear -
first voted to see if the said would Choose a representative and pased in the negative -

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

August 1820

Att a meeting of the quallified voters of the Town of Wenham held on Monday the 21s^{t} day of August A D 1820 - for the purpose of giving in there votes by ballot in this question is it expedient that delligates should be chosen to meet Delagates from other towns in convention for the purpose of altering or revising the Constitution of this Commonwealth as by warrant on file may more fully appear - -

for the question there were one vote
against the question there were 25 votes

Attest - - John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

October 1820

At a Meeting of the quallified Voters, of the town of Wenham held on Monday, the sixteenth day of october, AD 1820 -
1st For the purpose of choosing one dellegate; to meet other dellegates; at the state house in Boston; for the purpose of altering, or reviseing, the Constitution, of this Commonwealth as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.
Whole number of Votes given was twenty seven -
Hon Daniel Kilham had Seven
John T. Dodge Esq^{r}, had twenty - and was Chosen

Attes - - - John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

We the subscribers Selectme of the Townes of Wenham and Hamilton, haveing met this twenty eigth day of december 1820 - in order to preambulate the line and renew the bounds between said Townes, haveing proceeded as follows Viz beginning at Dodges stump (so called) being the corner bounds between Wenham, Hamilton & Manchester, thence to a beach tree on the

edge of the upland, on the west side of the brook thence to a white oak tree marked WH in the wall thence to a hemlock marked WH thence to a pine stump with stones about it; thence to a stake and stones on the north side of snake hill; thence to the wall as it now stands between Levi Knowltons barn yard and John T. Dodge Esqrs land; thence to a white oak tree in Colo Robbert Dodges land marked WH thence to a sassafax tree marked WH in John Loverings land; thence to a mark on the fence WH in the fence in the Widow Gardners garden; thence to a walnut tree marked WH in John Perkinses land; thence to a hemlock tree marked WH the west Side pleasant pond brook in Job Smiths land thence to a hemlock tree marked WH on hemlock island thence to a beach tree marked WH on fowlers island to a nale maple so Called marked WH thence to a poplar tree standing agains the wall on the east side of Wenham Island so called -

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Isaac Dodge Jnr) Selectmen
Elliott Woodberry) of Hamilton

John T. Dodge Jnr) Selectmen
Isaac Dodge) of) of Wenham

Preambulation between Wenham & Topsfield

We the subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Wenham and Topsfield haveing met this 29th day of December 1820 in order to preambulate the line and renew the bounds between the said townes; haveing proceeded as follows Viz beginnin at a stake near the northwesterly end of Wenham causway so called marked TWD being the cornerstone between Wenham Topsfield and Danvers thenc northerly 36 1/2 degrees easterly 117 1/2 rods, to a stone marked WT by a wall dividing Jacob & Joshua Townes land; thence northerly 15 deg easterly 82 1/2 rods to a stone marked WT at the north east corner of robinsons Island so called thence northerly 20 1/2 deg east 60 rods to a stone marked WT at the south west side of Wenham Island so called; thence north 58 1/2 degrees east 29 rods to a stone near the river marked WT at the northeast side of Wenham Island; thence Easterly by the river to Hamilton line -

Jacob Towne Jnr) Selectmen
David Perkins Jnr) of Topsfield

John T. Dodge Jnr)Selectmen
Thomas Kimball)of Wenham

At a Legal Town meeting of the quallified voters of the inhavitants of the Town of Wenham held on monday this eighth day of January eighteen hundred and twenty one for the purpose of giveing in there votes for a representative to represent the Essex southdistrict in the Congress of the United States; as by warrant on file may more fully appear -

For Charles Saunders Esqr twenty four votes 24
For Doctor Gideon Bastow Six votes 6

2d Paul Porter Esqr chosen Moderator of said meeting
3d Voted to accept the list of Jurermen as now revised and corrected by the Selectmen of said town of Wenham
A true record from the minutes

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

March Meeting 1821

At a legal Town Meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of Wenham on Tuesday the 6th day of March A D 1821 for the purpose of choosing Town Officers and other town business as by Warrant on file may more fully appear -

Colo Paul Porter Chosen Moderator

Isaac Dodge
Thomas Kimball — Selectmen
John T. Dodge Jnr

Nath.l Kimball — T. Treasurer

Josiah M. Kimball — Constales
Stephen Dodge

Capt Benj Edwards
Ezra Lummus
Moses Dodge
Downing Gentlee — Surveyors of the
Moses Foster
James Lee — highways
Isaac Porter 2d

John T. Dodge Esqr — Surveyors of
Jacob Dodge
Simeon Friend — fences

John Cleaves
Colo P. Porter — Hogreaves
Stephen Cook

Nehemiah Standlee — Corders of
Capt Uzziel Dodge
Josiah M. Kimball — Wood
Capt Nicholas Dodge

John Cleaves — Haywards
Capt Uzziel Dodge
Downing Gentlee
Samuel Hood
David Perkins
Simeon Friend

Colo. P. Porter
Downing Gentlee
William Dodge
Simeon Friend — Tything Men

Capt Edmund Batchelder — Sealer of Waits & M

William Cleaves
Jacob Dodge
Simeon Friend — Surveyor of Lumber

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Capt Uzziel Dodge William Dodge and Samuel Hood Overseers

Capt Isaac Dodge Thomas Kimball and John T. Dodge
Fish Committee

Nathaniel Perkins Sealer of Leather - - - - -

School Committee for the Town Capt Moses Foster Capt John Moulton & John T. Dodge Esqr - - - - -

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School Committee for the East Ward William Dodge 2d John Cleaves and Peter Dodge - - - - -

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School Committee for the Middle Ward Colo Paul Porter Ezra Lummus & Nathaniel Perkins - - - - -

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Voted that the aforesaid School committee for the Town to make a report at the next annual Meeting of the Standing of the Several Schools in Said Town - -
Voted two hundred dollars for the support of the Schools for the year insuing - -
Voted four hundred and fifty dollars for the Ministry for the year insuing - -
Voted four hundred dollars for the support of the Poor and other expences for the year insuing --
Votes given for County Treasurer there where for Nath[l] Wade Esqr thirty Seven Votes --
Votes for County Register there where for Amos Choate Esqr thirty Seven Votes --
Voted to see if the Town would make new division in the School districts -- Voted to pass that article by --
Voted to reconsider the aforesaid Vote --
Voted to Choos a committee for the purpose of regulating the several School districts in the aforesaid Town; and make a report at April Meeting -- John T. Dodge Esqr Colo Paul Porter and John Baker - chosen for said Committee--

The Wyatt land so Called sat up to the highest bidder bid of Simon Wyatt for eleven dollars & 15 cents for one year next insuing --

The ringing of the bell sat up under the following condition, that the person that rings it is to ring on lector day and keep the house decently swept for the year insuing otherways he is not intitled to any pay for his Servoses Struck of to James Cook for two dollars --

A true record from the minutes

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T Clerk

Wenham March the 6th 1821 For value receaved I promise to pay the Town of Wenham ten dollars on demand and interest it being one third part of the interest on the money assigned to said Town according to the conditions of the instrument of assignment --

Signed by Nath^{l} Kimball

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

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April Meeting 1821

At a meeting of the qualified Voters in the Town of Wenham held on monday the third day of April AD 1821 for the purpose of giving in there Votes, for Governor, and Lieut Governor; and for Senators, & Counselors; and for other town buisiness as by Warrant on file may, more fully appear.

The Votes where for the following persons as follows (viz.)

For Governor	(His Ex^{y} John Brooks	45 Votes
	(Honerable William Eustic	17 do
For Lieut Governor	(The Hon William Phillips	45 do
	(Hon Levi Lincoln	16
For Senators	(Hon Israel Bartlet	45
	(Hon Ebenezer Mosely	61
	(Hon Hobart Clark	45
	(Hon Robbert Rantoul	45
	(John G King Esq	62
	(Hon Nath^{l} Selsby	16
	(Willard Peele Esq	16
	(William W. Parrat	16

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2^{d} Paul Porter Esqr chosen Moderator to govern s^{d} Meeting

3^{d} Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the support of the highways for the year insuing --

Voted to repare the Meetinghouse --

Voted to choose a committee to report at the nex meeting, what the necesserry repares would probubelly be -- Capt Uzziel Dodge Capt John Moulton and Mr. Abraham Dodge chosen for said committee

Your Committee which where chosen at the last Meeting, make the following report, respectfully; (viz) that there cannot be any alterations made in the School Destricts for the better; and therefore they think to have them remain as they now are. (viz) the west destrict begining at Danvers line thence running on Wenham highway to the top of Straites hill so called thence on a direct line North & South including all the inhabitants tha now are or may hereafter be within the limits of Said destrict. - we furthermore state that Mileses River so called be the dividing line between the two other destricts as it now runs. -- The above report of the said Committee was accepted by said Town. -

A true record Attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

April 9the 1821

At a meeting of the qualified voters in the Town of Wenham held on Monday the 9th day of April 1821 for the purpose of giveing in there votes either for or against that part of the Constitution which has been amended by a convention of Delegates from the Several Towns in this Commonwealth as by warrant on file may more fully appear the votes for the following amendments where as follows -

Article first	Yeas Twenty	Nays Twenty five
Article Second	Yeas Eighteen	Nays Twenty Seven
Article Third	Yeas Twenty four	Nays Twenty one
Article Fourth	Yeas Twenty three	Nays Twenty two
Article Fifth	Yeas seven	Nays Thirty eight
Article Sixth	Yeas Twenty five	Nays Twenty
Article Seventh	Yeas Twenty	Nays Twenty five
Article Eight	Yeas Thirty nine	Nays Six
Article Ninth	Yeas Twenty	Nays Twenty five
Article Tenth	Yeas Two	Nays forty three
Article Eleventh	Yeas Twenty three	Nays twenty two
Article Twelvth	Yeas Twenty five	Nays Twenty
Article Thirteenth	Yeas Twenty four	Nays Twenty one
Article Fourteenth	Yeas Eleven	Nays Thirty four

Attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

The within line between Mr Nathaniel Kimball & Mr James Friend is established as follows (viz) beginning at the corner of the bounds at the roade, leading from Topsfield to Beverly on the west corner; thence running on James Friends line thirty two Rods to a large rock - thence on Nathl Kimballs line thirty three & half rods to a corner - thence on James Friend line fifteen Rods to a locust Post and thence on Nathl Kimballs line 18 poles to Mr. Edmund Batchelder corner -

Signed by Nathl Kimball
and James Friend

Attest John T. Dodge Jr T. Clerk

April 16th 1821

At a legal Meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Wenham, duly qualified to vote for representatives to the General Court; held on monday the 16th day of April 1821, for the purpose of giveing in there votes for a Representative to Congress; for the Essex South Destrict; as by warrant on file may more fully appear. - the votes where

For the Hon Timothy Pickering thirty eight
For Gideon Barstow Esqr seventeen

The Committee which where chosen at the preceeding Meeting for the purpose of assertaining the expediency of repareing the Meetinghouse in said Town; make the following report that in there opinion it is necessesary that the bell deck should be repared the shingleing on the roof mended & the windows puttyed -

They furthermore State that in there opinion the probable expence will amount to about thirty eight dollars -

Signed John Moulton)
Uzziel Dodge) Committee

Voted to Chose a committee to carry said repares into effect. - Colo Paul Porter Capt Uzziel Dodge & Capt John Moulton chosen said Committee. -

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr
Town Clerk

May Meeting 1821

At a legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters in the Town held on friday the 18th day of May AD 1821 for the purpose of choosing one Representative to Represent them at the General Court appointed to be convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant, and other buisiness as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

1st Voted to see if the said Town would send a Representative and pased in the negative -

2d Capt Uzziel Dodge chosen Moderator

3d Voted to see if it was expedient to remove the supreme judicial Cort from Ipswich to Newbury Port for the County of Essex and unanimously pased in the negative -

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk

Preambulation of the line between Wenham & Manchester

We the subscribers selectmen of Wenham & Manchester having met this 26th day of June AD 1821 to preambulate the line and renew the bounds between the aforesaid Towns; and have preceeded as follows; beginning at a Stone sot in the ground at Beverly corner so called, marked B. W. M. it being the corner bounds between the aforesaid Towns; thenc to a stone in the ground marked WM; from thence to a stone sot in the ground near Dodges Stump (so called) marked W. M. H which is the corner bound between the Towns of Wenham Manchester &

Hamilton.

Israel Forster)	Selectmen	John T. Dodge Jr)	Selectmen
John Cheaver)	of	)	of
John Lee)	Wenham (sic)	Isaac Dodge)	Wenham

Preambulation of the line between Wenham & Beverly

We the Subscribers haveing met this 27th day of June AD 1821 in order to preambulate the line & renew the bounds between the aforesaid Towns; and have proceeded as follows (Viz) beginning at a stone marked D. W. B standing in the wall between land of John Baker & Colo Paul Porter it being the corner bounds between Wenham Danvers & Beverly; thence on a straight course South 71 degs & 30° East to a stone set in land of said Porter, marked W. B thence South 80 degs 30° east to a bounds called Alfreds Stone marked W. B in the Revt John Kimballs land; thence to the corner of the wall on the East Side of the County road to a stone marked W. B between said road & Charles Dodges land; thence to a Sto in William Dodges land marked W. B, thence to a ston on the east side of the highway marked W. B. thence to a ston marked W. B near Larcombs Corner (so called); thence to a stone marked W. B on the east side of longham medow thence to a stone marked W. B on the south side of the road by the mile stone about twenty rods to the Westward of Simon Wyatts house; thence to a stone marked W. B on the east side of rackoon Marsh (so called) thence to a stone in the wall ind land of George Standley; which stone is about 2 1/2 rods southerly of a pine tree marked W. B. by the wall; thence turning northerly to a stone in the ground on gravelly ridge (so called) marked W. B; thence northerly on a straight line to a stone marked W. B. M which is the corner Bounds Between Wenham Beverly & Manchester.

Andrew Obear)	Selectmen	Isaac Dodge)Selectmen	
)	of	)	of
Josiah Lovett)	Beverly	John T. Dodge Jr.)	Wenham

March Meeting 1822

At a legal Meeting of the Qualified Voters of the town of Wenham, held on tuesday the 5th day of March AD 1822; for the purpose of choosing town Officers; and acting on other town business; as by warrant on file may more fully appear

Colo Paul Porter Chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting

John T. Dodge Jnr	Clerk

Isaac Dodge	Select
John T. Dodge Jnr	Men &
Samuel Hood	Assessors

John T. Dodge Jnr
Stephen Dodge

Obediah Dodge John T. Dodge Esqr Abraham Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Nath[l] Kimball	Treasurer
Stephen Dodge Joshiah M. Kimball	Constables
Downing Gentlee David Perkins Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Fences
James Cook Stephen Cook Stillman Dodge	Hogreeves
Nehemiah Standley Capt Nicholas Dodge David Perkins David Woodberry	Corders of Wood
Thomas Kimball Moses Horne John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Ezra Dodge	Hawards
Colo Paul Porter Downing Gentlee Moses Horne	Tythingmen
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of W&Measurs
Jacob Dodge Stephen Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyor of lumber
Capt Uzziel Dodge William Dodge Samuel Hood	Overseers of the Poor
Isaac Dodge John T. Dodge Jnr Samuel Hood	Fish Committee

Voted to rais four hundred and fifty dollars for the Revt E. T. Sperrys Salary the year insuing -
Voted to rais two hundred dollars for the schools the year insuing -
Voted to rais one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of the Poor the year insuing
Voted to rais three hundred dollars for the several debts of

said town and expences for the year insuing -
Voted to pass over the 5th article in the warrant -
Voted to rais twenty dollars in addition to the sum now raised for schooling for the east district

turn over

Voted that the Overseers be directed to pay Dr Kittredges bill
Voted that the Selectmen & town clerk shall for the futer record sepperately all allowences abatements of taxes & and orders.
Voted to choos a school committee of three persons to examine the severall schools in said town.
Voted that the Revt Ebenezer T. Sperry Stephen Dodge & Colo Paul Porter & Capt John Moulton be said committee.
Voted that said committee adopt some rules relative to the governing and examining the several schools in said town and lay it before the town at April meeting next.
Voted the Select of said town be a committee to regulate the takeing of fish on miles river so called for the year insuing
Voted for county treasurer for Nathaniel Wade Esqr 55
the Wyatt land sot up to the highest bidder bid of to Simon Wyatt for $11.25.
the ringing of the bell bid of to Edward Perkins for the year insuing - on condition that he is to have the use of the burying ground to turn in sheep and nothing else; & he is to keep the meeting house clean & to tend the stove when necessary if suitable fuel is provided - for $5.90

A true coppy of record
Attest John T. Dodge Jr town clerk

April Meeting 1822

At a legal meting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham convened and held on monday the first day of April AD 1822 for the purpose of giving in there votes for Governor Lieut Governor and for Senators & Counsellors; and for other town business as by warrant on file may more fully appear -

The votes where for the following persons as follows (viz)

For Governor (His Exy John Brook forty seven votes
(
(Hon William Eustis twenty votes

For Lieut Gov (Hon Wm Phillips forty seven votes
(
(Hon Levi Lincoln twenty votes

For Senators (Hon Nathl Hooper forty seven
(Hon Robert Rantoul forth six
(Hon John G. King forty seven
(Hon Hobert Clark forty seven
(Benjamin Osgood Esqr forty seven
(Edward S. Rand Esqr forty seven

For senators (David Cummings Esqr twenty one
(continued) (Hon Nath[l]. Silsby twenty one
(Hon Daniel Kilham twenty
(Hon Benja W. Crowningshield Twenty one
(William B. Parrot Esqr twenty one
(Moses Wingate Esqr twenty one
(George S. Johonnot - one
(Nath[l] Hooper

Paul Porter Esqr chosen Moderator to govern said meeting first voted to rais two hundred dollars for the support of the highway the year insuing.

Secondly voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant - third voted to paint the trimmings & doors of the Meetinghouse fourth voted to choose a committee to superintend said business - fifth Colo Paul Porter Mr. Abraham Dodge & Capt Uzziel Dodge to be said committee -

Sixth voted to rais fifty dollars for the purpose of painting the meetinghouse

Seventhly voted to accept the report of the townes committee -

A true coppy of record
Attest John T. Dodge Jr., Clerk

March Meeting 1823

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham held on tuesday the fourth day of March A.D. 1823 for the purpose of chooseing town officers and acting on other town business as by warrant on file may more fully appear

Colo Paul Porter Chosen Moderator to govern said meeting

Moses Foster	Clerk
Capt. John Moulton Stephen Dodge Moses Foster	Select Men & Assessors
Nath[l] Kimball	Treasurer
Josiah M. Kimball Smith Gallop	Constables
John T. Dodge Esqr. Jonathan Porter Amos C. White	Surveyors of Highways
James Lee Paul Kimball Simon Wyatt	Hogreeves
Capt. Nicholas Dodge Ezra Lummus Amos C. White	Corders of Wood

John Cleaves Thomas Kimball Amos Hobbs	Haywards
Moses Horn Simeon Friend Israel Batchelder	Tything Men
John T. Dodge Esqr. Capt. Uzziel Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Fences
Capt. Edmond Batchelder	Sealer of Wts. & Measures
Capt. Nicholas Dodge Lieut. Edmond Batchelder Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
Capt. Uzziel Dodge William Dodge Samuel Hood	Overseers of the Poor
Revt. Ebenezer P. Sperry Colo. Paul Porter Revt. John Kimball Capt. John Moulton Downing Gently Stephen Dodge Capt. John T. Dodge	Towns Committee

Voted to raise four hundred and fifty dollars for Revt. E. P. Sperrys Salary the year insuing.
Voted to raise two hundred and twenty dollars for the Schools the year insuing ------
Voted that School money be distributed in the Same manner it was the last year ------
Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the support of the Poor, and other expences, the year insuing
Voted that the Overseers be authorised, to take the advice of Nathan Dean Esqr, Attorney at Law relative to the difficulty existing between the heirs to the estate of Cornelius Baker and the town of Wenham, and by the advice of Said Dean, proceed to a Settlement, of Said estate, in behalf of the town. ------
Voted. that the town empower the Selectmen to issue their order on the Town Treasurer, for the ballance due for painting the Meetinghouse
Votes for County Treasurer for Nathaniel Wade Esqr. 37

The Wyatt land sat up to the highest bidder, bid of by Simon Wyatt at $5.40. ------

The ringing of the bell bid of to Moses Horn for the year insuing, on Condition that he is to have the use of the burying ground to

turn in Sheep and nothing else Said Horn to keep the Meeting-house clean, and to tend the stove when necessary, if suitable fuel is provided, $1.20

A true Coppy of record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1823

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters in the Town of Wenham, Convened an held on Monday the Seventh day of April A.D. 1823, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant -Governor, and for Senators, Counsellors, and for other twown business as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.------

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For Governor	(Hon. Harrison Gray Otis Sixty Votes
	(
	(Hon. William Eustis twenty two votes
	(Hon. David Noble Sixty votes
Lieutenant Governor	(
	(Hon. Levy Lincoln twenty two votes

For Senators	(Hon. Nathaniel Hooper, Sixty Votes
	(
	(Hon. John Glen King, Sixty Votes
	(
	Hon. Hobart Clark, Sixty votes
	(
	(Hon.Robert Rantoul, fifty-two Votes
	(
	(Hon. Benjamin Osgood, Sixty
	(
	(Hon. Edward S. Perkins, Sixty
	(
	(Hon. Nathaniel Silsby, twenty two
	(
	(" John Prince Esqr. twenty two
	(
	(Dr. Nathaniel Noyes, twenty two
	(
	(William W. Parrot, twenty two
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	(Dr. Aaron Lummus, twenty two
	(
	(Moses Wingate Esqr. twenty two

Capt. John T. Dodge Jr. Choosen Moderator.

1st Motioned to see if the town would Choose an additional number of Surveyors of the highways for the present year passed in the negative. -

2d Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the repairs of the

highways for the present year. -
3d Voted to raise fifty dollars to defray the expences of the Town for the present year. -
4th Voted that the Selectmen be a Fish Committee for the present year.
Voted to pass over the 5th article in the Warrant. -
6th Voted the report of the School Committee be accepted by said town
7th Voted the thanks of the town to the visiting School Committee. --

A true Coppy of record,
Attest
Moses W. Foster, Town Clerk

May Meeting 1823

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters of the town of Wenham, on Wednesday the 14th day of May A.D. 1823 for the purpose of Chooseing one Representative to represent them at the General Court appointed to be Convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear. -----

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1st Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant.
Voted that this meeting be dissolved. ----

A true Copy of record
Attest Moses Foster, T. Clerk

October 1823

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Wednesday the twenty ninth day of October A.D. 1823, to see if the town would refer the business in dispute, between said town and the Creditors of the estate of John Baker; late of Wenham deceased.
Deacon William Dodge Choosen Moderator
1st Motioned to see if the town would refer the in dispute, above mentioned; passed in the negative------

A true coppy of record Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

Agreeable to a Vote of the town passed March 5th A.D. 1822, A Committee was chosen to examine the several Schools in Said town and to adopt some measures for the better governing, and regulating the same; The Committee appointed for that business, beg leave to make the following report.

Article 1st The schools shall be kept six hours in each day with the usual intermissions and exceptions.
Art. 2d If any schollars shall not attend punctually at the appointed hour and does not give a satisfactory excuse, he may be punished; but if the schollar be frequently tardy it is expected the preceptor will make strict inquiry into the reasons, and if the are not sufficient, that he will inflict a reasonable pun-

ishment at his discretion.
Art. 3d If any schollar shall be found guilty of lying, swearing, or using any profane or obscene language, or obstinately refusing to obey the preceptor, he should be considered a disgrace to the school, and be liable to punishment at the discretion of the preceptor.
Art. 4th If any schollar shall be known to play ball, Cards, dice, or with money, or any thing of the kind in the schoolhouse or round the house where such schollar is attending, he, she, or they shall be severely punished, and the names of any thus guilty shall be presented to the towns committee at their last examination.
Art. 5th If any schollar shall be found to cut, deface, or injure the schoolhouse he shall make good the same, or pay a fine att the discretion of the district Committee (and) be liable to punishment.
Art. 6th If any schollar shall be so ungovernable that the preceptor thinks his continuance in school injurious to others, he may dismiss him for a time untill he shall have opportunity to submit the case to the Committee for their decision.
Art. 7th The Preceptor is requested to make out a list of those schollars who distinguish themselves by their good behavior or improvement, and read their names publicly before the Committee at the last examination if requested.
Art. 8th The preceptor will make out a list of those schollars who are most disorderly in school, and read their names publicly if requested by the Committee.
Art 9th If any person shall come into school to complain of the severity of the preceptor's government, it is not expected the preceptor will enter into altercation with him in presence of his schollars, but he may request him to call at a more proper time and place, or exhibit his complaint to the Committee.
Art 10th The Committee wish to find in every school the following branches taught, Reading & Spelling, a Knowledge of the Key, Defining, Writing, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammer and Moral & Religious Instruction. Note, The Committee remark that the greater the number of these branches judiciously attended to in a school, the greater will be found the improvement in each branch. A school will have but little animation that is always moving in the dull little round of reading & spelling; of writing and arithmetic; but when put forward to new branches where time & talents permit, it awakens ardor and vigor in attending to the old.
Art 11th In reading, the older schollars shall be examined in the rules of good reading as contained in Mury's English Reader, if they have the book, and in the spelling book if they have not the Reader, and shall read examples in the application of these rules. The younger schollars shall read in their several books, and older and younger shall be examined in Webster's or Cumming's key. The Committee think it inexpedient that the master at examinations should assist the while reading, or correct him except palpably wrong.

Art 12th. In Spelling the older schollars shall spell in the spelling book until the word become familiar, and then the dictionary occasionally with the spelling book.
Art. 13th. In defining out of every lesson which is to be read, the master shall give a problem to be defined by those, who can have access to dictionaries, either scoring particular words with a pencil, or appointing a paragraph. -------
Art. 14th. In geography, the geographical schollars, if they use Cumming's Geography, shall attend to the answers adapted to the questions, and they shall be instructed in the questions, by reference to maps, and where there is mentioned an Ocean or Sea, bay or Gulph, river, Country, City &c; the Schollars will be careful to point it out with his finger, and describe its situation without the map before him. -- --------
Art 15th. Writing. This shall be prepared for the Committee's examination, by presenting all the books, they shall have written in the term, sewed together; and also by puting the first Copy they write, in the term into the book so as to face the last copy, that the manner in which the book has been kept and the degree of improvement may be at once seen. The first & last copy shall be dated, and subscribed with the name & age of the writer. It is particularly recommended that the masters provide slip copies, for the children to write often,that each copy may be as perfect as possible and much of the Master's time saved. They also recommend that the writing & cyphering books be presented at the commencement of the visit and that the examination begin with the youngest schollars. The Committee will also examine specimens of penmaking from the older Schollars.
Art 16th. In arithmatic, the books shall be exhibited to the Committee; and the hand writing & spelling particularly observed. The cypherers shall also be examined to thier knowledge of the rules to which they have attended.
Art 17th. Grammer, The Schollars who attend to this branch shall be examined in the contents of the grammer, in parsing and correcting bad English. -----
Art 18th. Inquiry will be made what the School has been taught, of a moral and religious nature; and whether any Schollar has been known to be false or profane or indecent in his language, or in any way vicious, and Corrupting in his example. ----

A true Copy of the Original.- Moses Foster, T. Clerk

N.B. The foregoing regulations should have been recorded in April AD. 1822

March Meeting 1824

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham, held on Tuesday the second day of March A.D. 1824, for the purpose of Choosing town officers and acting on other town business; as by Warrant on file may more fully appear. Colo. Paul Porter Chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Moses Foster	Town Clerk
John Moulton Moses Foster Stephen Dodge	Selectmen and Assessors
Nathaniel Kimball	Town Treasurer
Smith Gallop Joshua Herrick Jnr.	Constables
Nicholas Dodge Uzzial Dodge Thomas Kimball Downing Gentlee Simeon Friend William Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
Nicholas Dodge Jr Moses Foster David Wooberry	Surveyors of Fences
Jacob Dodge appointed Poundkeeper the year insuing.	
Richard Dodge Nehemiah Perkins Jr. Tyler Porter	Hogreeves
Nicholas Dodge Samuel Clark Thomas Kimball	Corders of Wood
Simon Wyatt John Cleaves Daniel Merrill Moses Horn Daniel Woodberry Josiah M. Kimball Ezra Dodge	Haywards
Moses Horn Paul Porter Downing Gentlee William Dodge Simeon Friend	Tythingmen
Edmond Batchelor	Sealer of weights and Measurs
Nicholas Dodge Jr Edmond Batchelor Jr Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber

Uzzial Dodge
William Dodge
Nathaniel Kimball

Overseers of the Poor

The ringing of the Bell, let out to Moses Horn for the insuing year on Condition that he is to have the use of the burying ground to turn in sheep and nothing else, said Horn to keep the Meetinghouse Clean & to tend the Stove when necessary, if suitable fuel is provided. in Consideration of $5.00

Voted to raise four hundred & fifty dollars for Rev. Ebenezer P.Sperry.s Salary the year insuing. ---

Voted to raise two hundred & forty dollars for the support of the Schools the year ensuing. -

Voted that the mony raised for the support of Schools the year ensuing, shall be divided between the three districts, in such a manner, as the towns Committee shall agree uppon, said Committee being autherised by a vote of the town to divide said school money.

Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the support of the Poor, and other expences the year ensuing. -

Voted To raise three hundred dollars for the repairs of the highways the ensuing year.

Voted That the Overseers of the Poor, use their own discretion respecting the business, or difficultes now existing between the town of Wenham, and the Heirs & Creditors, to the estate of Cornelius Baker, said estate laying in Wenham.

The Wyatt Land bid off, by William Dodge for $13.37.

Votes for County Treasurer, for Nathaniel Wade Esqer, thirty four votes; -- Voted. To accept John T. Dodges bill $62..19- for the repairs of Grapevine Bridge in 1823. and to pay the same

Voted That this meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in April at five oClock in the afternoon

A true Coppy of record, attest, Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting April 1824

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham Convened and held on Monday the fifth day of April AD. 1824. for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and for Senators & Counsellors. ----

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For Governor	(His Excellency William Eustis	thirty two	votes
	(Hon. Samuel Lothrop	Sixty	do.
For Lieut. Govr.	(Hon. Marcus Morton	Thirty two	votes
	(Hon. Richard Sullivan	Sixty	do.

	(Hon. Nathaniel Silsbee	Thirty two	votes
	(John Prince	Thirty two	do.
	(Hon. Nathan Noyes	Thirty two	do.
	(' Moses Wingate	Thirty two	do.
	(' William W. Parrott	Thirty two	do.
Senators	(' Aaron Lummus	Thirty two	do.
	(Hon. Dudly A. Tyng	Sixty	do.
	(' Benjamin Pickman	Sixty	do.
	(' Nathaniel Hooper	Sixty	do.
	(Hon. Edward S. Rand	Sixty	do.
	(' John Varnum	fifty six	do.
	(' James Gardner Esqr.	sixty	do.

A true Coppy of record attest Moses Foster
Town Clerk

By adjournment of the March meeting to April 5th 1824, the following business was transacted.

1st Voted To except the report of the towns Committee the last year.

2d Voted the Selectmen to be a Fish Committee the insuing year.

3d Voted that Rev. Ebenezer P. Sperry, John T. Dodge, Captn. Nicholas Dodge, Colo. Paul Porter, Moses Foster, Samuel Obear, &Thomas Kimball be the towns Committee the insuing year. Said Committee are authorised to divide the whole of the money raised for the support of the schools in the three districts as they share hereafter

4th Voted That the Selectmen procure six Ladders and three fire hooks for the use of the town, to be equally divided between the three school districts; -- Voted that the Selectmen cause to be built, a Hearse, & a Hearse house, and a decent burying cloth, procured.

6th Voted To raise one hundred & fifty dollars, to defray the expense of the Hearse; & House, Burying Colth. Five hooks & Ladders.

7th Motioned & seconded to raise sixty dollars, for support of the Summer Schools, passed in the Negative, motioned to raise forty dollars for the same use, & negatived; -- Then voted to disolve the meeting which was accordingly disolved. -

A true Coppy of record Moses Foster Town Clerk

May Meeting 1824

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Friday the 14th day May AD. 1824, for the purpose of choosing one Representative to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be convened and held in Boston, on the last Wednesday of May instant, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear

1st Voted to adjourn the Meeting without day. --

A true copy of record, Attest -----Moses Foster Town Clerk

November 1824

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of November, it being the first Monday of said Month in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North District. The whole number of votes given in, were asorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed -- and were for the following Persons ------

For Hon. John Varnum Thirty six votes --
" " John Merrill Fifteen do. --

A true record
Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a meeting of the towns Committee of Wenham, December 22d 1824, for the purpose of dividing the School money raised by said town at their annual meeting in March 1824 between the three school districts, which was accordingly divided as follows. (Viz) The East District to have eighty three dollars & thirty four cents. The Middle district ninety dollars. ---- The West District sixty six dollars & sixty six Cents ---

A true record.
Attest--------Moses Foster Town Clerk

November 1824

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wenham in the County Essex, qualified, according to the Constitution, to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States. The whole number of votes given in were received, sorted, Counted and declared, and record thereof made in open Town meeting, as is directed by the Resolve, passed June 8th, A.D. 1824 and were for the following persons:--

Electors at Large

Hon.	William Bayles	had	thirty three Votes
"	William Read	"	do. do.
"	William Gray	Fifteen	do.
"	Levi Lincoln	Do.	Do.

Electors for Suffolk District

Hon.	Samuel Hubbard had	33 Votes
"	Thomas L. Winthrop	15 do.

Electors for Essex South District

Hon. Nathaniel Silsby	had	15 Votes
William Sutton Esqr		33 Do.

Essex North District

Dr. Joseph Kittridge		15 Votes
David How Esqr.		33 Do.

Middlesex District

Augustus How Esqr.	had	15 Votes
Hon. Edmond Foster		33

Worcester South

Gen. Jonathan Davis	15 Votes
Dr. Daniel Thurber	33 do.

Worcester North

Colo. Edmund Cushing	15 votes
Hon. Solomon Strong	33 Do.

Franklin District

Oliver Smith Esq.	15 Votes
Gen. Samuel Porter	33 Do.

Hampden District

Enos Foot Esq.	15 Votes
Dr. Timothy Horton	33 -

Berkshire District

Hon. William Walker	48 Votes

Norfolk District

Hon John Endicot	15 Votes
" Benjamin Reynolds	33 Do.

Plymouth District

Hon. Thomas Weston	15 Votes
Benjamin Hobart Esqr.	33 do.

Bristol District

Cornelius Grinnell Esqr.	15 Votes
Hon. John M. Williams	33 do.

Barnstable District

Hezikiah Barnard Esqr.	15 Votes
Nymphas Marston Esqr.	33 do.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

January 1825

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters in the Town of Wen-

ham & County of Essex, holden on Monday the third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the Essex North District.

The whole number of votes given in were Counted, assorted, recorded and declaration thereof made, as by lawis directed, and were for the following persons-------

For Hon. John Varnum Thirty eight votes
John Merrell Esqr. Seventeen do.

A true Coppy of record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

March Meeting 1825.

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham held on Tuesday the first day of March AD. 1825, for the purpose of chooseing town officers and acting on other town business; as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.- Colo. Paul Porter choosen Moderator to Govern said Meeting.

Moses Foster — Town Clerk

Paul Porter
Moses Foster
Stephen Dodge — Selectmen Assessors & Overseers of the Poor

Nath! Kimball — Treasurer

Smith Gallop
Joshua Herrick Jr. — Constables

Benjamin Dodge
Nath! Kimball
Levi Fiske
Richard Dodge
William Dodge
Simeon Friend — Surveyors of Highways

Capt. Nicholas Dodge
John T. Dodge
Paul Kimball — Surveyors of Fences

Peter Dodge
Erastus Clark
Nehemiah Perkins, Jr. — Hog Reeves

Capt. Nicholas Dodge
David Starratt
Simeon Friend — Corders of Wood

Downing Gentlee — Haywards
Simon Wyatt
David Wooberry
John Cleaves

Daniel Butman

Simeon Friend
Downing Gentlee
Paul Porter — Tything men
Moses Horn
Capt. Paltiah Brown

Edmond Batchelder — Sealer of Weights & Measures

Stephen Dodge
Jacob Dodge — Surveyors of Lumber
Simeon Friend

Paul Porter
Moses Foster — Fish Committee
Stephen Dodge

Jacob Dodge — Pound Keeper

The towns Pew Leased to Thomas D. Pousland for one year at one Dollar & Eighty Cents. -----

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Voted to raise four hundred & fifty Dollars for Rev. Ebenezer P. Sperry's Salary for the present year.

Voted to raise Five Dollars to purchase Wood for the Stove in the Meeting house the present year.

Voted that all moneys due the town be Collected and paid over to the town Treasurer on or before the first day of April next.

Voted that all moneys raised by the town for the present and every succeeding year, be collected & paid in to the Treasurer of said town, on or before the twentieth day of February in each year.

Voted that each District be authorised and shall from this time Govern their own Schools in every respect.

Voted to raise Two hundred Dollars for the support of Winter Schools the present year.

Voted to raise Seventy five Dollars for Support of Summer Schools the present year.

Voted that the towns Committee divide the Whole of the School money raised the present year, between the three Districts as they shall hereafter agree

Voted to raise One hundred fifty dollars for the support of the Highways the present year.

Voted to raise Three hundred Dollars, for support of the Poor & other expences the present year.

Voted that the town be furnished with a Hearse & a suitable House for the same ---

Voted to pass over the 8th article in the Warrant.

Voted to raise One hundred fifty Dollars to defray the expence of a Hearse & Hearse House.

Voted that Grapevine Bridge, Waldrons Bridge & Mill Bridge be suitably railed, That the Selectmen be a Committee to see said Bridges railed at their discretion.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to rent the (?) Pew in the Meetinghouse belonging to the town.

Votes for County Treasurer for Nath! Wade Esquire Fifty Votes.

The Wyatt Land bid of by Simon Wyatt for $8.00.

The ringing of the Bell let out to Moses Horn the present year on Condition that he is to have the use of the Burying ground to turn in Sheep and nothing else--- Said Horn to keep the Meeting house Clean & tend the Stove when necessary if suitable fuell is provided in Consideration of six Dollars.

A true Coppy of Record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1825

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters in the town of Wenham, Convened and held on Monday the fourth day of April A. D. 1825, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors.

For Governor) Hon. Levi Lincoln had forty Votes
For Lieut Governor) " Marcus Morton - forty Do.

Senators	(Hon.	Nathaniel Silsbee	had forty seven	Votes
	("	Nathan Noyes	Twenty seven	Do.
	("	Moses Wingate	Twenty seven	Do.
	("	John Prince	Forty seven	Do.
	("	John Glen King	Twenty seven	Do.
	(	Joseph Farley Esq.	Twenty seven	Do.
	(Hon.	Stephen White	Twenty	Do.
		Amos Spaulding Esq.	Twenty	Do.
		Asa T. Newhall Esq.	Twenty	Do.
		John Merrill Esq.	Twenty	Do.

A true Coppy of record, attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

At an adjournment of the Anual March Meeting to April fourth 1825 ---

The following business was transacted (Viz) 1st Voted to except the report of the towns Committee respecting schools, ---
2d Voted the towns Committee for the present year Consist of the following persons, (Viz) Capt. Nicholas Dodge, Downing Gentlee, Paul Porter, Moses Foster, David Woodberry, & Simeon Friend--------
The jury box revised and a list of the names of those in the box were laid before the town.
3d Voted that the Selectmen & Town Clerk be and that the Constable be required to notify for the purpose of drawing Jurymen.

A true Coppy of record attest
Moses Foster T. Clerk

May Meeting 1825

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters of the town of Wenham on Friday the Thirteenth day of May A.D. 1825 for the purpose of chooseing on Representative to represent said town in the General Court appointed to be Convened and held in Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.
1st. Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant.

A true coppy of record Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

Perambulation between Wenham and Danvers

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Wenham and Danvers, have this twenty first day of November A.D. 1825. met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham aforesaid, it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns, and haveing attended that service make return as follows Viz.
Beginning at a stone marked W.D.B. standing in the wall between Col. Paul Porters and John Bakers farms, thence Northerly to a Willow tree marked W.D. near Leaches meadow so Called, at the easterly end of a division wall on the farm owned by Elias Putnam, thence to a stone marked W.D. Standing in the wall on the South side of Wenham Causeway, from thence to a Stone marked W.T.D. Standing at the Northerly end of said Causeway about Six poles to the westward of the same, that being the bounds between said Wenham, Danvers, and Topsfield.

Jesse Putnam)
Jonathan Shaw)
Joseph Stearns) Selectmen of Danvers
)
Elias Putnam)

Moses Foster)
) Selectmen of Wenham
Stephen Dodge)

1825 Perambulation between Wenham and Hamilton

We, the Subscribers, Selectmen of Wenham and Hamilton have this 30th day of December AD. 1825, meet agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham, being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended that service, make return as follows, Viz:--Begining at Dodges stump, so called, being the Corner bounds between Wenham Hamilton and Manchester, thence to a beach tree on the edge of the upland, on the west side of the brook, thence to a white oak tree marked W.H. in the wall, thence to a Hemlock stump with a stake in the same, thence to a Stone marked W.H. on the north side of Snake hill, thence to a stone marked W.H. standing in the wall at the corner of Howards Land, thence to a Stone by the highway near Levi Knowltons, marked W.H. thence to a Stone in the highway south of John B. Dodges Land, marked W.H. thence westerly by the wall to Miles River, thence to a stone in the highway marked W.H. thence to a walnut tree marked W.H. in John Perkins Land, thence to a stone marked W.H. the west side of pleasant pond brook, thence to a stone marked W.H. on Hemlock Island, thence to a tree marked W.H. on Fowlers Island, thence to a stone marked W.H. on the last named Island, thence to a nail maple marked W.H. thence to a stone marked W.H. Standing against the wall on the East side of Wenham Island.

Moses Foster)
) Selectmen
Paul Porter)
) of
Stephen Dodge) Wenham

William Whipple) Selectmen
) of
Isaac Dodge) Hamilton

1826 Perambulation between Wenham and Topsfield

We the subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Wenham and Topsfield have this seventeenth day of January A. D. 1826, meet agreeable to a notice given by the Selectmen of the town of Wenham it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns, and having attended that service make the following return Viz:--Begining at a stone near the Northwest end of Wenham Causeway so (Called) marked T.W.D. being the Corner stone between Wenham, Danvers and Topsfield, thence Northerly 36 1/2° East 117 1/2 rods to a stone marked W.T. by a wall divideing Jacob and Joshua Townses land, thence Northerly 15° East 62 1/2 rods to a stone marked W.T. at the Northeast Corner of Robinsons Island (so Called) thence Northerly 20 1/2° East 60 rods to a Stone marked W.T. at the

Southwest side of Wenham Island (so Called), thence North 58 1/2° East 29 rods to a Stone near the River marked W. T. at the Northeast side of Wenham Island aforesaid, thence Easterly by the River to Hamilton line.

Moses Foster) Selectmen of
)
Paul Porter) Wenham

Daniel Bigsby) Selectmen of
)
Porter Bradstreet) Topsfield

1825

At a meeting of the Towns Committee of Wenham January 18th A.D. 1826 for the purpose of divideing the School money, raised by said town, at their annual meeting in March 1825, between the three School Districts; haveing attended that service make the following return Viz:-The East District to have ninety-five dollars and fifty cents -- Middle District One hundred three dollars and fifty cents -- West District to have Seventy six dollars.------

A true Coppy of the original. -

Attest

Moses Foster, Town Clerk

March Meeting 1826

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham, held on Tuedsday the seventh day of March A.D. 1826. for the purpose of Chooseing town officers and acting on other business; as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.- Colo. Paul Porter Choosen Moderator to govern said meeting.----

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Moses Foster — Town Clerk

Moses Foster
Stephen Dodge
Andrew Dodge — Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

Joshua Herrick, Jr.
Obadiah Dodge — Constables

Stillman Dodge
Edwin Dodge
Jacob Symonds
Samuel Fisk
Levi Dodge
Thomas Kimball — Surveyors of Highways

Nicholas Dodge, Jr. Simeon Friend Moses Foster	Surveyors of Fences
John Cleaves Peter Dodge David Starrett Aaron Barns	Hogreaves
Nicholas Dodge Ezra Lummus Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood

The Ringing of the Bell let out to Jacob Dodge for ensuing year on Condition, said Dodge to have the use of the burying ground, to turn in Sheep, and nothing else Said Dodge to keep the Meeting house clean and to tend the Stove when necessary if suitable fuel be provided --- This whole in Consideration of five Dollars. -

Daniel Butman James Allen David Stanley John Cleaves James Cook Downing Gentlee Simon Wyatt	Haywards
Moses Horn Paul Porter Simeon Friend	Tythingmen
Edmond Batchelder	Sealer of Weights and Measures
Selectmen	Fish Committee
Jacob Dodge Nicholas Dodge Jr. Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
Jacob Dodge	Pound Keeper

Voted. to raise four hundred fifty dollars for Rev. Ebenezer P. Sperrys Salary the year insuing year ---
Voted. To raise two hundred seventy five Dollars for the support of Schools, the year insuing. Twenty five dollars of which is to be appropriated to a Summer School.
Voted That the school money be divided by the Towns Committee between the three school Districts as they shall hereafter agree.

agree.
Voted. To raise Three hundred Dollars for the support of the Poor and other expences the year insuing.
Voted. To raise Three hundred dollars for the repairs of the Highways, the year insuing.
Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to examine the Meeting house to see if any, and if any, what repairs are necessary to be made, and report at at April meeting.
Voted To pass over the Seventh article in the Warrant.
Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee for the purpose of purchasing some real estate within the town or in either of the adjoining towns, if any such is offered for sale, and can be purchased on so reasonable terms that the income may be advantageously applied to the poor of sd town.
Voted That the Selectmen be a Committee to waite on Dr. Samuel Dodge and invite him to settle among them as Physician and Surgeon.
Voted that the anual March meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in April.
Votes for County Treasurer. for Nathaniel Wade esquire forty Votes. Votes for County Register. for Amos Choate esquire Thirty five Votes

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Essex ss

This may certify that the Town officers on this seventh day of March A.D. 1826. personally appeared and took the oath required by law to qualify them to discharge the duties of their several offices for the Town of Wenham, this year insuing --- before us

Isaac Woodbury)
)
and Moses Foster) Justices of the Peace

A true Coppy of record

Attest -- Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1826

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham, Convened and ehld on Monday the third day of April A.D. 1826, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Governor, Lieutenand Governor, Senators and Counsellors.

For Governor)His Excelency Levi Lincoln had forty votes
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For Lieutenant Governor)Hon Thomas L Winthrop forty Do.

	(Hon. John Prince had	Fifty Votes
	(" Stephen White	twenty five Do.
	(Asa T. Newhall Esq	twenty five Do.
	(Hon. Israel Trask	twenty five Do.
	(" Amos Spaulding	twenty five Do.
Senators	(" Caleb Cushing	twenty five Do.
	(" John Pickering	twenty five Do.
	(" Stephen W. Marston	twenty five Do.
	(" Stephen Barker	twenty five Do.
	(" Winthrop Sargent	twenty five Do.
	(Moses Little Esqr.	twenty five Do.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At an adjournment of the anual March meeting A.D. 1826, to April third A.D. 1826. The following business was transacted to wit --

1st Voted to exempt Edmond Batchellor Juin. from serving as Constable the ensuing year.

2d Joshua Herrick Junior, and Obadiah Dodge were Chosen Constables for the ensuing year.

3d Ezra Lummus Chosen Corder of Wood, Bark & c --

4th Thomas Kimball Chosen Surveyor of the highways West Ward

5th David Woodberry Chossen Hayward for the west Destrict

6th Voted to except the report of the towns Committee respecting the Schools, the last year. Also the thanks of the town to said Committee.

The Committee appointed to examine the Meeting house and see if any, and if any, what repairs were necessary to be made on said house, made report as follows.- Your Committee having attended the service assigned them, found the roof of said house in a defective state, open in several parts, many of the old singles off; and the remainder, on the south side of said roof nearly all loose and furthermore it is expedient and necessary to Shingle the South Side of said roof the present year. The town then voted to except the above report.

8th The towns Committee were Chosen Consisting of the following persons, to wit: --

Jacob Dodge
Uzzil Dodge
Benjamin Edwards junior
Nicholas Dodge junior
Samuel Obear
Thomas Kimball

A true record.

Attest. Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, on Wednesday the seventeenth day of May A.D. 1826, for the

purpose of Chooseing one Representative to represent said town in the next General Court, appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.
1st Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant.

A true record -- Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

1826 Perambulation between Wenham and Manchester

We the subscribers of the towns of Wenham and Manchester have this sixth day of July A.D. 1826, met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of purambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns, and haveing attended that service, make return as follows Viz:--

Begining at a stone set in the ground at Beverly corner (so called) marked B.W.M. it being the Corner bounds between the aforesaid towns, thence to a stone in the ground marked W.M., from thence to a stone set in the ground near Dodges stump (so called), marked W.M.H., which is the corner bounds between the town of Wenham Manchester and Hamilton.

Moses Foster)
Stephen Dodge) Selectmen of Wenham
Andrew Dodge)

Tyler Parsons)
Richard Allen) Selectmen of Manchester
Andrew Marsters)

1826 Perambulation between Wenham and Beverly

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Wenham and Beverly have this sixth day of July A.D. 1826. meet agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of purambulating, and running the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns, and having attended that service, make return as follows Viz: --

Begining at a Stone marked D.W.B. in the wall between land formerly owned by John Baker and Paul Porter Esq. it being the Corner bounds between Wenham Danvers and Beverly, thence on a straight course south 71°. 30" East to a stone set in land of said Porters marked W.B., thence south 80°. 30" to a bound Called Alfreds Stone marked W.B. in Charles Browns land, thence to the corner of the wall on the West side of the County road to a Stone marked W.B., thence to a stone in William Dodges land marked W.B., thence to a stone on the South side of the highway marked W.B., thence to a stone marked W.M. near Larcombs Corner So Called, thence to a stone marked W.M. on the east side of Rackoon marsh (so Called), thence to a stone in the wall in land of George Stanley, which stone is about 2 1/2 rods Southerly of a pine tree marked W.B. by the wall, thence turning northerly to a stone in the ground on

gravelly ridge (so Called) marked W.B., thence Easterly to a stone in the Corner of Prestons field marked W.B., thence northerly on a straight line to a stone marked W.B.M. which is the corner bounds between Wenham Beverly and Manchester.

Moses Foster) Selectmen
Stephen Dodge) of
Andrew Dodge) Wenham

Levi Dodge) Selectmen of
Mark Woodberry) Beverly

November Meeting 1826

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the sixth day of November it the first Monday in said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North District. The whole number of votes given in were assorted, counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, and were for the following persons, Viz.

For Hon. John Varnum Seventeen Votes
" " Caleb Cushing Six Do.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the sixth day of November A.D. 1826. To see what measures the Town will adopt in regard to new roade now in Contemplation Begining near the Hotel in Topsfield and running from thence to Burleys Farm in Beverly near the Danvers line.

1st. Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant.

A true Coppy of record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

The money raised by the town for the support of Schools for the year 1826. was divided by the School Committee between the three School Districts in said town, in the same way as in the year 1825. -

A true record Attest Moses Foster TownClerk

March Meeting 1827

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Wenham Convened and held on Tuesday the sixth day of March A.D. 1827. for the purpose chooseing County and town officers, and acting on other town business, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

Col. Paul Porter Choosen moderator to govern said meeting

Moses Foster	Town Clerk
Moses Foster Stephen Dodge Andrew Dodge	Selectmen and Overseers
Capt. Nicholas Dodge Ezra Lummus Cornelius L. Preston x David Emerson Paul Porter esquire x Warren Peabody Charles Brown x	Surveyors of Highways
Joshua Herrick Jr. x William Cleaves	Constables Do.
Capt. Nicholas Dodge David Woodberry John Dodge	Surveyor of fences
Timothy Higgins Israel Batchelor Stephen Cook	Hogreaves
Simeon Friend David Starratt Nicholas Dodge, Jr.	Corders of Wood
John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Erastus Clark Joshua Herrick, Jr. Simeon Friend Amos E. White	Haywards
Smith Gallop Downing Gentlee Paul Porter	Tythingmen
Edmond Batchelor	Sealer of Weights and Measurs
Jacob Dodge Nicholas Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
Selectmen	Fish Committee

Rev. Ebenezer Peck Sperry
Andrew Dodge
Nicholas Dodge Jr. School Committee
William Dodge
Dr. Samuel Dodge
Col. Paul Porter
Moses Foster
Charles Brown
Samuel Obear
Thomas Kimball

The ringing of the Bell let out to Jacob Dodge for the ensuing year, on Condition Said Dodge to have the use of the burying ground for pasturing Sheep and for no other creature, Said Dodge to keep the Meetinghouse clean, and to make fire in the Stove when necessary, if suitable fuel be provided.
The whole in Consideration of Eight Dollars.----

1st Voted to raise four hundred fifty dollars for the support of the Ministry the ensuing year. ---
2.d Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year. ---
3d Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the support of the poor the year ensuing. ---
4th Voted three hundred dollars for repairs of the highways
5th Voted to raise One hundred fifty dollars for repairs of the Meetinghouse so far as to Shingle the roof.
" Voted that Ezra Lummus, William Dodge, and Nicholas Dodge, Jr. be a Committee to find materials and superintend the repairs of Said Meetinghouse.
7th Voted to raise thirty dollars for the support of Sacred music for the year ensuing. ---
8th Voted to except the report of the towns Committee for the year A.D. 1826. ---
9th Voted that the town's Committee make a report to the town annually of the State of the Schools in town -
Voted that the Towns Committee devide the School money as they shall hereafter agree

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Votes for County Treasurer were as follows
For William Foster Wade, Forty eights votes
" John Punchard esquire Eight votes

Voted that the annual March meeting stand adjourned untill the first Monday in April. ---

A true record

Attest ---- Moses Foster Town Clerk

This may certify the Town officers within the time specified by law personally appeared and took the oath required by law to qualify them to discharge the duties of their several offices

for the town of Wenham the year ensuing --- before me ---

Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1827

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified as the Constitution requires to vote for Governor, Lieutenant - Governor, Senators and Counsellors, Convened and held on Monday the Second day of April A. D. 1827. ---

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For Governor)	His Excl.	Levi Lincoln	Thirty-four Votes
For Lieut-Governor)	Hon.	Thomas L. Winthrop	Thirty-four Votes
)	Hon.	Gideon Barstow	Thirty four votes
)	"	Amos Spaulding	Thirty four. Do.
Senators)	"	Leverett Saltonstall	Thirty five Do.
)	"	John Merrill Esqr.	Thirty four Do.
)	"	William Thorndike Do.	Thirty five Do.
)	"	Rufus Choate Esqr.	Thirty five Do.

A true record.

Attest ------ Moses Foster Town Clerk

At an adjournment of the annual March meeting A. D. 1827 to April Second 1827, the following business was transacted.

1st Voted that Colo. Paul Porter, Nicholas Dodge junior, and Franklin Hadley be a Committee to appropriate the money raised by the town, for the support of Sacred Music.

2.d Voted that the several School districts or either of them may at a district meeting legally warned and assembled, appropriate such sum or sums of Money, not exceeding twenty five per cent of their proportionable part of the School money raised for the support of Schools for the present year, and to appropriate such money, as the districts may think most for the benifit of said district. ---

3d Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday May 14th 1827 five oClock P.M. ----- A true record

Attest --- Moses Foster Town Clerk

Know All Men By These Presents,

That I Caleb Kimball junior of Beverly in the County of Essex an Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Wheelwright, in Consideration of Thirty three dollars paid by Simeon Friend of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid, House Carpenter, - the Receipt Whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, Sell and Convey unto the Said Simeon Friend his Heirs and Assigns, A Wall floor Pew situate in the Meeting house in said Wenham, and adjoining the Pews of David Woodberry and Jonathan Dodge.

This Deed Recorded May 10th 1827.

To Have and to Hold the aforegranted Premises to the Said Simeon Friend his Heirs and Assigns, his and their Use and Behoof forever. And I do Covenant with the said Simeon Friend his Heirs and Assigns That I am lawfully Seized in fee of the aforegranted Premises That they are free of all Incumbrances; That I have good right to Sell and Convey the Same to the said Simeon Friend, And That I will Warrant and defend the same Premises to the Said Simeon Friend his Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons.

In Witness Whereof I the Said Caleb Kimball junior have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth Day of March in the year of our Lord 1827.

Signed - Caleb Kimball junior

Signed, Sealed
and delivered
in presence of us,
Isaac Woodberry)
James G. Raymond)

Acknowledged before Isaac Woodberry Esqr.

Know All Men by these Presents,

That I Isaac Woodberry junior of Beverly in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts esquire, in Consideration of Thirty eight dollars fifty cents paid by Nathaniel Kimball of Wenham in the aforesaid County of Essex yeoman, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted, remised, released, and forever quitclaimed and do hereby for myself and my heirs grant, remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the said Kimball after or at the decease of Sarah Baker Daughter of Cornelius Baker late of Wenham in Said County, all my interest in and unto a floor Pew in Wenham Meeting house adjoining Pews of Edward Perkins and Stephen Dodge Paul Porter, and the Broad Aisle.

Recorded May 23d 1827.

being formerly the property of said Cornelius Baker

To have and to hold the aforementioned premises to the said Kimball his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever; so that neither I the said Isaac Woodberry nor my heirs nor any person or persons Claiming from or under me or them Shall ever have or Claim any estate, title or interest of or in the said released premises, or any part thereof, but be wholly barred therefrom.

In Testimoney whereof I the Isaac Woodberry Jr have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

Signed Sealed and delivered in)
presence of us ----------)

Isaac Woodberry Jr.
Nancy Woodberry

David Perkins
O Warner Burroughs. - Acknowledged before Moses Foster
Just of Peace

Know All Men by These Presents That I John Porter of Boston in the County of Suffolk and now of Wenham in the County of Essex, Merchant, in Consideration of the Sum of one dollar paid me by Martha Porter of Wenham, in the County of Essex Widow (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) and to secure and indemnify the said Martha Porter as hereafter mentioned do hereby grant bargin, sell, assign, transfer and Set over to said Martha Porter & her assigns, the following personal property, towit - One Bay Horse, two pair of red working oxen, four Cows, two Pigs, two Ox Carts, one Ox Waggon, - One Sleigh One Ox - Sled, - Three Ploughs, - four draught-chains four Ox Yokes, - One Iron tooth Harrow, One - Cartrope, One Secretary, One Chaise & Harness being all together of the value of Seven hundred dollars. --- To have & to hold the grantises and bargainice premises to the said Martha Porter and her executors, administrators and assigns in mortgage, to her and their use and behoof forever. ---

The Condition of these Presents is in manner following That is To Say-- That whenever the said John Porter has, by his Bond of even date with these presents in the penalty of fourteen hundred dollars, bound and obligated himself to pay to her the said Martha the said sum of fourteen hundred dollars, upon the Condition set fourth and annexed to the Said Bond. --- Now if the said John Porter shall well and truly pay the said last mentioned sum of money or otherwise perform and Comply with the Condition of said Bond according to the true intent and meaning thereof and Shall indemnify and save harmless the said Martha and her executors and Administrators for all damages Cost and Charges in the premises then this deed, as also the above mentioned Bond Shall both be void, otherwise shall remain in full force. ----

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty third day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of -
Amos F. Hobbs
Nirum Neal -

Signed John Porter (L. S.)

Entered June 23rd 1834. ---

A true record

Attest.

Moses Foster - T. Clerk

May Meeting 1827

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, on Monday the fourteenth day of May A. D. 1827 for the purpose of Chooseing one Representative to represent said town in the next General Court appointed to be Convened and held at

Boston, on the last Wednesday of May instant as by Warrant on file may more fully appear

1st Voted to pass over the article in the Warrant. ---

A true record Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, on Monday the tenth day of September A.D. 1827, to see what measures the town would adopt in regard to a new road now in Contemplation beginning eighty rods north of the north meetinghouse in Beverly from thence on nearly a straight line to Wenham Caseway, No objection being expressed to the granting of the petition, the meeting voted that the town take no order on the subject. Palatiah Brown moderator. --- A true record. Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

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March Meeting 1828

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Tuesday the fourth day March A.D. 1828. for the purpose of Choosing town officers and acting on other town business. Also to give in the votes of the electors for County Treasurer, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

Paul Porter Esqr	Moderator
Moses Foster	Town Clerk
Moses Foster Stephen Dodge Andrew Dodge	Selectmen Assessors and Overseers of the Poor
Nathaniel Kimball	Town Treasurer
James Allen Paul Kimball	Constables
Jacob Dodge David Starratt Paul Kimball Warren Peabody Downing Gentlee Ezra Dodge James Lee	Surveyors of Highways
Moses Foster Nicholas Dodge Jr. Charles Brown	Surveyors of Fences

John Hood Daniel Merrill Jr. Jabez Richards Stephen Cree Samuel Ober 2d Paul Kimball	Hogreaves
Nicholas Dodge Jr. Franklin Hadley Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Erastus Clark William Porter David Woodberry	Haywards
Erastus Clark Edmond Batchellor Franklin Hadley	Tythingmen
Jacob Dodge Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
Edmond Batchellor	Sealor of Weights and Measures
Selectmen	Fish Committee
Jacob Dodge	Poundkeeper

1st Voted to raise four hundred fifty dollars for the support of the Ministry the ensuing year.
2d Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year.
3d Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the support of the Poor and other expences the ensuing year. ---
4th. Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of the Highways the ensuing year.
5th Voted to set in the wall on the Northwest corner of the Parsonage land, on a true sweep, to be moved ten feet in the Center.
6th Voted Paul Porter Esqr David Emerson, and Jacob Symonds be a Committee to Set in the Parsonage wall.
7th Voted that Messrs John & Nehemiah Perkins have liberty to work the assessment of their Highway tax on the lane leading from the main road to their house.
8th. Voted that all taxes for the ensuing year be Collected on or before the twentieth day of Feb'y next.
9th Voted that Downing Gentlee Edmond Batchellor Jr and Erastus Clark be a Committee to appropriate the sum of thirty dollars raised for the support of Sacred Musick which sum was

raised by the town at their annual meeting in March A. D. 1827, and the Committee Chosen to appropriate said thirty dollars the year aforenamed, Could not agree in the appropriation of the same, Therefore the above named Committee were Chosen to appropriate the said thirty dollars the present year.

Votes for County Treasurer as follows
For William F. Wade Esqr forty six votes

The ringing of the bell let out to Jacob Dodge the ensuing year for the sum of eight dollars, on Condition that said Dodge improve the burying ground for pastureing Sheep, and for no other Creature, said Dodge to keep the Meetinghouse clean and make fire in the Stove when necessary if suitable fuel be provided. ---

Voted the annual March meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in April four oClock P. M. -

A true record from the minutes.

Attest --- Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1828

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified as the Constitution requires, to vote for Governor, Liertenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, Convened and held on Monday the seventh day of April A. D. 1828, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

For Governor	) His Exy. Levi Lincoln	thirty seven votes	
For Lieut-Governor	) Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop	thirty eight votes	
	)Hon. William W. Parrott	thirty seven	votes
	) " John Merrill	thirty six	do.
	) James H. Duncan Esq.	thirty	do.
	) William Thorndike	thirty	do.
Senators	)Hon. Stephen White	thirty	do.
	) " Asa T. Newhall	Six	do.
	) Rufus Choate Esq.	thirty	do.
	) Joseph E. Sprague Esq.	Seven	do.
	) Amos Spaulding Esq.	Seven	do.
	) Colo. James Duncan	One	

A true record
Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting A. D. 1828 the following business was transacted. 1st. Voted to except the report of the Towns Committee in regard to the state of the Schools in town the past year.

2d Balloted for a towns Committee, for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were Choosen. viz: Doctor Samuel Dodge, Capt Nicholas Dodge, David Emerson & Warren Peabody.

3d Voted that the towns Committee be and are hereby authorised to divide the money raised for the support of Schools in

said town the enduing year.
4th Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the anual May meeting, five oClock P. M.

A true record. Attest. Moses Foster Town Clerk

May Meeting 1828

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Thursday the fifteenth day of May Current A. D. 1828, for the purpose of Choosing one Representative to represent said town at the next General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

First voted to see if said town would send a Representative which passed in the affirmative.
2d Paul Porter esquire was elected. -------

A true record.
Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting to May fifteenth A. D. 1828, five o'clock P. M., the following business was transacted, viz:-
1st. Capt. Ezra Dodge Choosen one of the surveyors of the highway in east part of the town. -
2d Nathaniel Kimball Town Treasurer was appointed by said town Collector of taxes, for the ensuing year.
3d The town voted to except the list of Jurymen laid before said town (by?) the Selectmen. The meeting was then dissolved.

A true record.

Attest -- Moses Foster Town Clerk

November 1828

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified according to law, to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the first Monday in November A. D. 1828, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North District. The whole number of Votes given in were asorted, Counted, recorded and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, being thirty two in number and all for the Hon. John Varnum of Haverhill.

A true record. -- Attest. -------Moses Foster Town Clerk

November 1828

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified according to law, to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on the first Monday in November A. D. 1828, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States. The whole

number of votes given in were asorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed, and were for the following persons.

Electors at Large,

His Honor Tho's L. Winthrop, of Boston had twenty eight votes
Hon. Samuel Lothrop, of W. Springfield. twenty eight votes

Suffolk District,

Hon. Jesse Putnam of Boston. had twenty eight votes

Essex South,

Hon. Stephen White of Salem had twenty eight votes

Essex North,

Hon. Bailey Bartlet, of Haverhill, had twenty eight votes

Middlesex,

Hon. Nathan Chandler, of Lexington, had twenty eight votes

Worcester South,

Gen. Jonathan Davis, of Oxford. had twenty eight votes

Worcester North,

Hon. Silas Holman, of Bolton. had twenty eight votes

Franklin,

Col. Elice Gilbert, of Greenfield had twenty eight votes

Hampden,

Hon. Joshua Frost, of Springfield had twenty eight votes

Berkshire,

Samuel Jones, Esqr. of Stockbridge. had twenty eight votes

Norfolk

Hon. Edward H. Robbins, of Milton. had twenty eight votes

Plymouth,

Hon. Seth Sprague, of Duxbury. had twenty eight votes

Bristol,

Hon. Oliver Starkweather of Pawtucket. had twenty eight votes

Barnstable,

Hon. Braddock Dimmick, of Falmouth, had twenty eight votes

A true record----Attest -----Moses Foster Town Clerk

March Meeting 1829

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Tuesday the third day March A.D. 1829, for the purpose of Choosing Town Officers and acting on other town business; Also to give in their votes for County Treasurer as by Warrant on file may more fully appear

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Paul Porter Esqr. Moderator

Moses Foster " Town Clerk

Moses Foster Esqr. Andrew Dodge Charles Brown	Selectmen Assessor and Overseers of the Poor
William Dodge	Town Treasurer
James Allen Richard Dodge	Constables
Dr. Samuel Dodge Nicholas Dodge Jr Abraham Dodge Amos C. White Simeon Friend Richard Dodge	Surveyors of Highways
David Starratt Nicholas Dodge Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
James Allen John Cleaves Downing Gentlee John Hood Aaron Barns	Haywards
Erastus Clark James Allen Ezra Dodge	Tythingmen
Jacob Dodge Nicholas Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
Paul Porter Esqr. Benjamin Edwards Warren Peabody	Surveyors of Fences
Abraham Dodge 3.d John Cleaves John Dodge Stephen Cook James Allen	Hog Reeves
Moses Foster Andrew Dodge Charles Brown	Fish Committee
Jacob Dodge	Pound Keeper
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of Weights and Measures

Voted to pass over the third article in the Warrant.

4th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the Support of the Poor and other expences the year ensuing.

6th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the repairs of the Highways the year ensuing.

7th Voted to rais One hundred dollars for the purpose Clearing the Highways in Winter which vote was immediately Reconsidered.

8th Voted that Paul Porter Esq. Stephen Dodge, and Jacob Symonds, be a Committee to determine how the Highway money shall be aportioned between the Several Districts the ensuing year. Also to Appraise the several grades of labour performed on the Highways. -

Votes for County Treasurer as follows.
For William F. Wade forty five votes.

The ringing of the Bell let out to Jacob Dodge Jr the insuing year for the sum of eight dollars, on Condition that Said Dodge improve the Burying ground for pasturing Sheep and no other Creature, Said Dodge to Keep the Meeting house Clean and make the fire's in the Stove when necessary if suitable fuell be provided.

Voted that the annual March meeting stand adjourned, to the first Monday in April five oClock in the afternoon. -

A true record from the minuts

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

April Meeting 1829

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified as the Constitution requires to vote for Governor Lieutenant-Governor Senators and Counsellors, Convened and holden on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1829. as by Warrant on file may more fully appear

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For Governor) His Exc'y Levi Lincoln had fifty Votes
For Lieut.-Governor) Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop had fifty one Votes

) Hon. John Merrill had fifty one votes.
) " Amos Spaulding fifty one votes.
) " Joseph E. Sprague fifty one votes.
Senators) " James H. Duncan fifty votes.
) " William Thorndike fifty votes.
) Rufus Choate Esqr. fifty votes.

A true record. Attest.------- Moses Foster Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting A.D. 1829, to April Sixth, following, five oClock P.M. The following business was transacted,. -

1s.t Voted to raise three hundred seventy five dollars for the suport of the Ministry the ensuing year.

2.d Voted Jacob Dodge and Edmond Batchelder to be Surveyors of the Highways for the Middle district the year ensuing.

3.d Voted that Smith Gallop be a Surveyor of the Highway for the East District the ensuing year.

4th. Voted that William Dodge be a Surveyor of the Highway for the Lane, the ensuing year.

5th. Voted that Daniel Butman and Isaac Porter 2.d be Field drivers the ensuing year.

6th. Voted to except the report of the towns Committee respecting the state of the Schools for the year 1828.

7th. Voted that Jacob Dodge Downing Gentlee and Thomas Kimball be the town or School Committee the year insuing.

8th. Voted to except so much of the report of the Committee for the better regulation of repairing Highways, as related to the price of labour for man and Beast. Each man on the Highway should recieve per day of ten hours length, one dollar. Price of oxen per day as above stated to be seventy five cents. Cart per day thirty cents.

9th Voted to raise fifty dollars for repairs of the highways in adition to the sum raised for the same purpose at the annual meeting in March AD. 1829, for repairs of the highways the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the next May meeting.

A true record. Attest --- Moses Foster Town Clerk

May Meeting 1829

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Thursday the fourteenth day of May Current AD. 1829 for the purpose of Chooseing one Representative to represent said town at the next General Court appointed to be Convened and held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

1st. Voted to see if the town would send a Representative passed in the affirmative. -- Votes given in to the Selectmen as follows. --

For	Paul Porter	Thirty one votes
"	Moses Foster	Twenty three do.
"	John T. Dodge	One do.
	Nicholas Dodge Jr.	One do.

A true record. -- Attest. Moses Foster Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting A.D 1829. to May 14th following in the town of Wenham.

Voted that each District in said town have liberty to apropriate twenty five per cent of their proportion of the School money raised in said town the ensuing year for the support of a

Summer School. - Then voted to disolve the meeting which was accordingly disolved.

A true record.

Attest. Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham, holden on The Twenty sixth day of October A. D. 1829. to see what measures said town would adopt in regard to Wenham Causeway (So Called) laying in the Western part of said Wenham, as by Warrant on file may more fully appear.

1st Andrew Dodge esquire Chosen Moderator.
2d. Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the purpose of
" repairing said Causeway, said sum to be Assessed on the
" polls and estates of said inhabitants in like manner as
" other Highway taxes are assessed.
3d. Voted that a Committee of three men be Chosen as Sur-
" veyors of Highways to Superintend the repairs of said
" Causeway. - The following persons were accordingly
" Chosen for that purpose. - Downing Gentlee, Nath. Kim-
" ball and Charles Brown. -
4th Voted that the repairs above stated be Commenced as soon
" as possible after giveing legal notice.

Then voted that this meeting be disolved, and it was accordingly disolved.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

March Meeting 1830

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Tuesday the 2nd day of March AD. 1830 for the purpose of choosing Town officers and attending on other town business. Also to give in their votes for county Treasurer, as by warrant on file may more fully appear. ----------

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Andrew Dodge — Moderator

David Starrett — Town Clerk

Charles Brown
David Starrett
Richard Dodge
— Select Men and Assessors

Ezra Lummus
Nicholas Dodge Esq.
Thomas Kimball
— Overseers of the Poor

William Dodge — Town Treasurer

James Allen
Richard Dodge
— Constables

Richard Dodge Charles Brown William Dodge Franklin Hadley Andrew Dodge Edmund Batchelder Thomas Kimball	Surveyors of Highways
Franklin Hadley Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
Moses Horne John Cleaves James Allen	Hay Wards
Downing Gentlee Edmund Batchelder Simeon Friend John Dodge Franklin Hadley	Tythingmen
Nicholas Dodge Jr. Jacob Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Lumber
David Starrett Ezra Dodge Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Fence
William Porter Abram Rowe Adoniram Dodge	Hogreeves
Charles Brown David Starrett Richard Dodge	the Fish Committee
Jacob Dodge	Pound Keeper
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of Weights & Measures

Voted to pass over the 3rd article in the Warrant

4th Voted to raise Three hundred for the support of Schools the ensuing year.

5th Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the support of the poor and other expences, the ensuing year.

6th Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the repairs of highways, the ensuing year.

7th Voted that Ezra Lummus Nicholas Dodge Esq. and Paul

Porter Esq be a committee to examin the roads & report at April meeting, also that the money for the highways (be) divided at April Meeting.

Votes for County Treasurer as follows.
For Wm. F Wade Thirty Seven votes.

Voted that the March Meeting stand adjourned to the first Monday in april. four o clock P M.

A true coppy from the minutes.

Attest David Starrett Town Clerk

April Meeting 1830

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified as the Constitution of the State requires to vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors, convened and holden on Monday the fifth day of April A.D. 1830. For particulars See Warrant for the above meeting.

For Governor (His Excelency Levi Lincoln had Forty three Votes
(His Honour Marcus Morton had Two do.
Lieutenant (His Honour Thomas L. Winthrop had forty four
Governor (votes
(Hon Nathaniel Willis had Two votes

Senators	Hon Stephen White had	Forty Six Votes
	John Merrill "	Forty Six votes
	Wm. Thorndike "	Forty six votes
	Amos Spaulding "	Forty votes
	James H Duncan "	Forty votes
	Stephen C. Phillips Esq had	Forty votes

A true record. Attest. David Starrett Town Clerk

At an adjournment of the March meeting to April the 5th. following at 4 oclock P. M. the following business was transacted.

1 Voted to raise Two hundred dollars for the support of the highways in Wenham at the discretion of the Agent chosen who is authorised to lay out Said 200 dollars on the several roads in town which is most necessary. Wm. Dodge Agent.

2nt Voted to raise four hundred dollars for the support of the Minister the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting Stand adjourned to May following at 5 oclock P. M.

A true coppy Attest David Starrett. Town Clerk

May Meeting 1830

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified as the Constitution requires to vote for Representative held on Friday, the fourteenth day of May Current A.D. 1830 for the purpose of Chooseing one Representative to represent them at the next General Court, appointed to be convened

at Boston on the last Wednesday of May instant for particulars see warrant on file, the motion being called to see if the town would send a Representative and no motion made to that effect. the vote was accordingly called for and given in as follows viz

for	Paul Porter	Twenty Eight	votes
	Moses Foster	Twenty	do
	Nicholas Dodge	One	do
	John Dodge	One	do

A true Coppy attest David Starrett (Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the March Meeting to May (following) the fourteenth day at 5-o clock P. M. in the town of Wenham the following business was transacted.

Voted 1st that Rev.d E. P. Sperry, Dr. Sylvennus Brown, Nicholas Dodge, Samuel Conant and Charles Brown be the towns School Committee for the year ensuing.

2nt That Stephen Dodge be a Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing.

3rd Voted That The Select men be a Committee to agree with some suitable person to make a survey and return a plan of the Town agreeable to a resolve passed at the last session of General Court to that effect. for particulars see resolve on file

4 a motion was made and carried that the meeting be adjourned sine die.

A true Coppy attes. David Starrett (Town Clerk

November Meeting 1830

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified according to law, holden on the first Monday of November AD. 1830 - for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congres of the United States, for Essex North district, the whole number of votes given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, being forty eight in number Viz 48

Hon Caleb Cushing	had	thirty two	32
Hon John Merrill	do	Seven	07
Gayton P. Osgood, Esq.	do	Nine	09

A true coppy attest David Starrett (Town Clerk

January Meeting 1831

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified according to law holden on the first Monday of January AD 1831 - for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for Essex North district. - the whole number of votes

given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made as the law directs, being Seventy Two in number-------

vis Hon.	Caleb Cushing	had	fifty vote
	Stephen W Muslins	"	fifteen "
	Joseph Ketteridge - - -		
	Gayton P. Osgood		Six

A true Coppy attest David Starrett (Town Clerk

1830 Perambulation between Wenham and Hamilton

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Wenham, and Hamilton, have this 25th day of December A.D. 1830 ----- met agreeable to notice given by Selectmen of Wenham being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and runing the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended to that service, make return as follows. Viz. Beginning at Dodges stump (so called), being the corner bounds between Wenham Hamilton and Manchester, - then to a beach tree on the edge of the upland on the west side of the brook. Thence to a white oak mark.d W.H. in the wall, thence to a hemlock stump marked W.H. thence to a pine stump with stones about it, thence to a stake and stones on the north side of Snake hill, thence to the wall as it now stands between Levi Knowltons barnyard and John T. Dodges land, - thence to a white oak tree in land formerly owned by Col. Robert Dodge marked W.H. thence to a Sassafrass tree marked W.H. in John Loverings land thence to a mark in the fence W.H. formerly the widow Gardiners garden fence, thence to a walnut tree mark.d W.H. in John Perkins land, thence to a Hemlock tree mark, d W.H. the west side of the pleasant pond brook in Job Smith's land, thence to a Hemlock tree mark, d W.H. on Hemlock island, thence to a beach tree mark, d W.H. Fowlers Island, thence to a White Oak tree mark, d W.H. on Fowler's island, thence to a Nail maple (so called) mark, d W.H. thence to a poplar tree standing against a wall on the east side of Wenham Island (so called)

David Starrett	(Selectmen
	(of
Richard Dodge	(Wenham
Oliver Poland	(Selectmen
	(of
Abraham Patch	(Hamilton

We the subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Wenham & Beverly, have this twenty sixth day of Nov AD 1831, met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham it being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and running the lines and renewing the marks between our sd towns, and having attended to that service, make return as follows--- (viz) Begining at a stone marked D.W.B. in the wall between land formerly owned by John Baker & Col. P. Porter, it being the corner bounds between Wenham Danvers & Beverly; thence on

a straight course South 17^{d} 30" East to a stone set in the land of said Porter Mark^{d} W. B. thence South 80^{d} 30" to a bound called Alfreds Stone mark^{d} W. B. in Charles Browns land, thence to the corner of the wall on the west side of the County road to a stone marked W. B. thence to a stone in W^{m} Dodges land Mark^{d} W. B. Thence to a stone on the south side of the highway mark^{d} W. B. thence to a stone mark^{d} W. B. near Larcoms corner (so called), thence to a stone mark^{d} W. B. on the east side of long ham meadow, thence to a stone mark. d W. B. the south side of the road by the milestone about twenty rods west of Simon Wyats house thence to stone markd W. B. on the east side of Rackoon mash (so called) thence to a stone in the wall in land of Georg Standley, which stone is about 2 1/2 rods Southerly of a pine tree marked W B by the wall thence turning northerly to a stone in the ground on Gravelly ridge (so called) mark, d W. B. thence, thence Easterly to a stone in the corner of prestons field mark, d W. B. M. which is the corner bounds between Wenham Beverly & Manchester.

Richard Dodge Charles Brown	(Selectmen (of (Wenham	Levi Dodge Daniel Cross	(Selectmen (of (Beverly

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1831 Perambulation between Wenham and Manchester

We the Selectmen of Wenham and Manchester have this twelfth day of November AD 1831, met agreeable to notice given by the Selectmen of Wenham, it being the most ancient town for the purpose of perambulating and runing the lines and renewing the bounds between our said town, and Having attended that service make return as follows. viz Beginning at a stone set into the ground at Beverly Corner (so called) mark. d B. W. M. it being the Coroner bounds between the aforesaid towns: thence to a stone mark. d W. M. set in the ground; from thence to a stone set in the ground near Dodges stump (so called) Markd W M H. which is the corner bounds between the sd towns of Wenham Manchester and Hamilton

David Starrett Richard Dodge	(Selectmen (of (Wenham
Andrew Marsters Amos Hilton Israel F. Tappan	(Selectmen (of (Manchester

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March Meeting 1831

At a legal meting of the qualified voters of the Town of Wenham, holden on Tuesday the first day of March A. D. 1831, to choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and act on any other business that might come before the meeting agreeable to the Warrant, which will more fully appear. The following business was transacted.

Art. 1

Andrew Dodg	Moderator
David Starrett	Town Clerk
Charles Brown David Starrett Richard Dodge	Selectmen
Ezra Lummus Nicholas Dodge Thomas Kimball	Overseers of the Poor
James Allen Moses Horne	Constable(s)
Amos White Paul Kimball Israel Batchelder James Allen Nicholass Dodge John Cleaves	Surveyor(s) of Highways
Jacob Dodge Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
David Woodbury Samuel Ober 2nt John Cleaves John Hood Simeon Friend	Haywards
Stephen Cree Rufus Dodge Samuel Ober Franklin Hadley	Tythingmen
Jacob Dodge Simeon Friend Franklin Hadley	Surveyors of Lumber
Ezra Lummus Simeon Friend Nicholass Dodge	Surveyors of Fence
Samuel G. Wakeham Francis Peabody Francis Merrill Warren Peabody Theodore Dodge John Cleaves	Hogreaves

David Starrett
Charles Brown
Richard Dodge — Fish Committee

Jacob Dodge — Pound Keeper

Moses Foster — Sealer of Weights & Measures

Art 2 Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of the poor and other expenses the ensuing year.

3 Voted to raise three hundred dollars for support of Schools the ensuing year.

4 Voted to raise Four hundred fifty dollars for support of the ministry the ensuing year.

5 Voted to raise four hundred dollars for repair of highways the year ensuing, to be laid out in the summer season.

6 Voted that the several Surveyors be authorised to open the road the year ensuing & credit the same to those whom the(y) employ on their list.

7 Voted that the several Surveyors who have bills due for last year be presented before the adjournment.

8 Voted that all bills for service on the road be rejected til next (?) winter.

9 Voted the Selectmen be a committee to examin the surveyors lists the last year.

10 Voted that a committee be chosen to lay out the pews in the gallery and contract to build them. Jacob Dodge Ezra Lummus Franklin Hadley be the committee that they be completed at April Meeting.

11 Voted that the School Committee be chosen at adjournment.

Votes for County Treasurer were as follows
William Foster Wade had Fifty two votes - 52

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the April meeting 4 o Clock P. M.

The ringing of the bell let out to Jacob Dodge for Six dollars the condisions as usual.

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the pew rented out at two dollars $\frac{50}{100}$ to Jacob Dodge Jr for one year

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the Wyat land let out at Seven dollars $\frac{62\ 1/2}{100}$ cts. to Jacob Dodge.

A true Coppy

Attest David Starrett, Town Clerk

April Meeting 1831

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified to vote in elections, convened and holden on Monday the fourth day of April A. D. 1831, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor, & Senators, for this this Commonwealth for the ensuing year.
Likewise to bring in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the next two years. See warrant.

the votes Stood thus

For Governor	(His Ex Levi Lincoln had	Sixty six	votes
	(His Hon Marcus Morton "	Nine	do
Lieut. Gov	(His Hon Thomas L. Winthrop	Sixty	"
	(Nathan Willis	Nine	do

Senators

Hon Leverett Saltonstall		Sixty	
Hon Stephen C. Philips	Had	Fifty seven	"
" William Thorndike		Sixty	
William Johnson Jr		Fifty nine	
Thomas M Clark		Fifty seven	
Robert Cross		Fifty nine	
Ebenezer Bradbury		Five	
Moses Wingate		Nine	
Ezra Mudge		Nine	
George Seevury		Nine	
Joseph S. Cabbot		Nine	
John S. Morse		Nine	
Wm. Hawkes		Six	
Scattering Votes		twelve	

Register of Deeds (Ralph H French had forty four
(Amos Choate five

Votes for Representative were for

Hon Caleb Cushing	-	fifty one
" Stephen W Mustons		fifteen
Gayton P Osgood		Eight

A true Coppy attest

David Starrett Town Clerk

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an Adjournment of March Meeting April 4th AD. 1831

Voted that so many of the pews lately built in the gallery be sold as to mee(t) the expense of building & painting them & the remainder be let & the following were accordingly sold. viz.

			Cts
No. 6 to Jacob Dodge Jr for Thirteen dollars	50/100		$13.50
No. 1 to Ezra Lummus " ten dollars	75/100		10.75
No. 7 to Jacob Dodge " Eleven dollars			11.00
No. 2 to Jabez Richards " Ten dollars	50/100		10.50
No. 8 to Ezra Lummus " Ten dollars	.37 1/2		10.37 1/2
No. 5 to Smith Gallop " Ten dollars	.37 1/2		10.37 1/2
No. 10 to Rufus Dodge " Ten dollars	50/100		10.50
No. 3 Let for Eleven Months to James Dodge for one dollar		.75	1.75
No. 4 do. " " " " Stephen Cree " one dollar		50	1.50
No. 9 " " " " " Moses Foster " two dollars			2.00

Voted that the Singers have the privilege of repairing their seats and that they have the ground in the rear of said seats to build pews to indemnify them for making said repairs.
Voted to receive the reports of the school committee for the last year.
Voted third

Ebenr P. Sperry Ch Man

Dr. Sylvanua Brown (
Samuel Conant (
Stephen Dodge (School
Nicholas Dodge Jr (Committee
Charles Brown (
Warren Peabody (

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to May meeting 4 o. Clock p.m.

A True Coppy attest David Starrett Town Clerk

June Meeting 1831

At a legal Meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the Sixth day of June AD 1831, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for the Essex North dis. The number of votes given in were sorted and counted according to law and were as follows viz

Hon. Caleb Cushing.	fifty four	54
" Joseph Kettredge	Twenty	20
Gayton P. Osgood	Thirteen	13

A True Coppy Attest

David Starrett, T. Clerk

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November Meeting 1831

At a legal meeting of qualified voters in the town of Wenham held on Monday the fourteenth day of Novr AD 1831 for the

purpose of giveing in their votes for a Governor and Lt. Governor of this C. Wealth and for Senators for Essex County on one ballot. Also to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the gen^{l} Court to be convened at boston on the first wednesday of Jany 1832. Likewise to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for two years from March 4th 1831, from Essex North district.
The whole number of votes given in were sorted counted and declaration made as follows

for Gov^{r}	(Levi Lincoln	had	Seventy four votes
	(Marcus Morton	do	four do
	(Sam^{l} Luthrop	"	Two

Lt Gov	(Thomas L Winthrop		Seventy Six votes
	(John Mills		four do

Senators for Essex

(Wm Thorndike	had	Seventy three	
(Wm Reed		fifty-four	
(Elias Putnam		Seventy three votes	
(Thos M. Clark		Fifty four	
(Jesse Kimball		Fifty one	
(Wm Nichols		Forty Nine	49
(Lev^{t} Saltonstall		twenty five	25
(Ebenr Bradbury		Twenty One	21
(Wm Johnson Jr		Twenty Two	22
(Robert Cross		Twenty one	21
(Scattering votes		Thirty	30

Rep to G Court (Moses Foster Esq had Seventy four and was Chosen

Rep to Congress	(Caleb Cushing	had	forty Eight votes	48
	(Joseph Kettredge		Twenty Four do	24
	(Gayton P Osgood		five	05

A True Coppy attest,

David Starrett (T. Clerk

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we David Starrett Charles Brown and Richard Dodge, Selectmen of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorised by the town in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars fifty cts. paid by Edmund Batchelder of Wenham County of Essex aforesaid, House carpenter, The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant Sell and Convey to the Said Edmund Batchelder his heirs & Assigns, a pew in the east Gallery in the Meeting house No. 10.

To hold and to have the afore granted Premises to the said Edmund Batchelder his heirs & Assigns to his and their use forever. And we do covenant with the said Edmund Batchelder his heirs and Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted Premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that we have good right to Sell & Convey to the said Edmund Batchelder his Heirs & Assigns and we will Warrant and defend the same to the said Edmund Batchelder his Heirs & Assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all persons.

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett, Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Selectmen of Wenham in behalf of the Town have set our hands & Seals this twenty seventh day of April AD . 1831

Signed

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us...

James Allen
Samuel Conant

David Starrett (Selectmen
Charles Brown (of
Richard Dodge (Wenham

Essex ss April 27th 1831 Then the above named David, Charles & Richard - acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free Act and Deed, before me,

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts being Authorisede by the town in Consideration of the sum of Eleven dollars paid by Jacob Dodge of Wenham in the County afore said House carpenter the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby give Grant Sell and Convey unto the said Jacob Dodge his heirs and Assigns a pew in the East Gallery in the Meeting house No. 7. -----

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To hold and to have the aforegranted Premises to the said Jacob Dodge his heirs and Assigns to his and their use forever And we do Covenant with the said Jacob Dodge his heirs and Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted Premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that we have good right to sell & Convey the same to the said Jacob Dodge his Heirs & Assigns and we will Warrant and defend the same premises to the said Jacob Dodge his heirs and Assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of All Persons.

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in behalf of the Town have set our hands & Seals this twenty seventh day of April A. D. 1831.

Signed

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us
James Allen
Samuel Conant

David Starrett (Select men
Charles Brown (of
Richard Dodge (Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831 Then the above named David Charles & Richard acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free Act & Deed before me

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in the county of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts being Authorised by the town in Consideration of the sum of ten dollars seventy five cents paid by Ezra Lummus of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid blacksmith, the receipt whereof we do hereby Acknowledge do hereby Give Grant Sell & Convey unto the said Ezra Lummus his heirs and Assigns a pew in the East Gallery in the Meeting house No.º 1.

To hold and to have the aforesaid granted Premises to the said Ezra Lummus his heirs & Assigns to his & their use forever. And we do Covenant with the said Ezra Lummus his Heirs & Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted Premises that they are free of all incumbrances - that we have good right to Sell and Convey the same to the said Ezra Lummus his Heirs & Assigns and we will Warrant and defend the same premises to the said Ezra Lummus his Heirs & Assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all persons.

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Continued up

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in behalf of the town have set our hands & seals this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1831.

Signed

Sign'd Seal'd and delivered in presence of us
James Allen
Samuel Conant

David Starrett (Select Men
Charles Brown) of
Richard Dodge) Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831 Then the above named David, Charles & Richard Acknowledge the above instrument to be their free Act and deed before me

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select-men of Wenham in the County of Essex & commonwealth of Massachusetts being Authorised by the town in consideration of the sum of ten dollars thirty seven and a half cents paid by Andrew Dodge Esq. of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid the receipt we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, Grant, Sell, & Convey unto the said Andrew Dodge, his Heirs & Assigns, a pew in the East Gallery in the Meating-house No.º 8 --

To hold and to have the aforesaid granted Premises to the said Andrew Dodge his heirs and Assigns to his and their use forever. And we do covenant with Andrew Dodge his heirs & Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises that they are free of all incumbrances; that we have good right to Sell & Convey the same to the said Andrew Dodge his heirs & assigns and we will Warrant and defend the same to the said Andrew Dodge his heirs & assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all Persons.

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett, Charles Brown,and Richard Dodge, Select Men of Wenham in behalf of the Town have set our hands and seals this twenty seventh day of April A. D. 1831.

Signed

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us	David Starrett)	Selectmen
	Charles Brown)	of
James Allen		
Samuel Conant	Richard Dodge)	Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831 Then the above named David, Charles & Richard - acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free act and deed before me,

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we David Starrett, Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being Authorised by the town in Consideration of the sum of thirteen dolls & fifty cents paid by Jacob Dodge Jr - of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid house Carpenter the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby Give, Grant, Sell and Convey unto the said Jacob Dodge Jr. his Heirs & Assigns a pew in the East Gallery in the Meeting house No.º 6

To hold and to have the afore granted Premises to the said Jacob Dodge Jr his heirs and Assigns to his and their use forever. And we do Covenant with the said Jacob Dodge Jr his Heirs & Assigns that we are lawfully seaz'd in fee of the afore

granted Premises that they are free of all incumbrances: that we have good right to Sell and Convey the same to the said Jacob Dodge Jr his Heirs & Assigns and we will Warrant and defend the same premises to the said Jacob Dodge Jr his Heirs & Assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all Persons.-

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett, Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select men of Wenham in behalf of the town have set our hands & Seals this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1831.

Signed

Sign'd Sealed & deliver'd in presence of us	David Starrett)	Selectmen
	Charles Brown)	of
James Allen		
Samuel Conant	Richard Dodge)	Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831 Then the above named David, Charles, & Richard - acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free Act and Deed before me

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS.

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorised by the town in consideration of the sum Ten dolls fifty cents paid by Jabez Richards of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid, blacksmith, the receipt whereof we do acknowledge do hereby give, Grant, Sell, & Convey, unto the said Jabez Richards his heirs, & Assigns, a pew in the East Gallery in the Meeting house No9. 2

To hold and to have the afore granted Premises to the said Jabez Richards his Heirs & Assigns to his and their use forever. -

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And we do Covenant with the said Jabez Richards his heirs & Assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted Premises that they are free of all incumberences; that we have good right to Sell & Convey the same to the Said Jabez Richards his heirs & Assigns, and we will Warrant & Defend the same premises to the said Jabez Richards his heirs & Assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all persons.

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett, Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in behalf of the town have set our hands & seals this twenty seventh day of April A.D. 1831.

Sign'd

Sign'd Seal'd and delivered in presence of us	David Starrett	)	Select Men
		)	
	Charles Brown	)	of
James Allen		)	
Samuel Conant	Richard Dodge	)	Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831. Then the above-named David Charles & Richard Acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free act & deed before me

Moses Foster Just. of Peace

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS.

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Select Men of Wenham in the County of Essex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorized by the Town in consideration of the sum of ten dolls 37 1/2 cents paid by Smith Gallop of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid Shoemaker the receipts whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby give Grant Sell & Convey unto the said Smith Gallop his heirs & Assigns a pew in the East Gallery in the Meeting house N.o. 5. ---

To hold and to have the afore granted premises to the said Smith Gallop his heirs and Assigns to his and their in behalf forever. And we do Covenant with the said Smith Gallop his heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seiz'd in fee of the afore granted premises that they are free of all incumberences that we have good right to sell and Convey the same to the said Smith Gallop and we will Warrant and defend the same to the said Smith Gallop his heirs & assigns forever against the lawful Claims & demands of all persons. - In witness whereof we the said David Charles & Richard Select men of Wenham in behalf of the town have hereunto set our hands & seals this twenty seventh day of April. A.D. 1831.

Sign'd

Sign'd Seal'd and delivered in presence of us	David Starrett	)	Select Men
		)	
	Charles Brown	)	of
James Allen		)	
Samuel Conant	Richard Dodg	)	Wenham

Essex ss April 27th. 1831 Then the above named David, Charles & Richard acknowledge the above Instrument to be their free act and deed before me.

Moses Foster. Just. of Peace

May Meeting 1831

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters of the Town of

Wenham, convened on Wednesday the eleventh day of May current, AD. 1831, for the purpose of choosing one representative to represent them in the next general Court to be convened at Boston on the last Wednesday of May following for particulars see Warrant on file;

The votes were recived by the Seletmen as follows viz

for	Moses Foster Esq	forty seven votes
	John Dodge	Seven do.
	John T. Dodge	Three do.
	Paul Porter	Two "
	Andrew Dodge	Three "
	Scattering	Three "

Votes on the proposed Amendment of the Constitution of Massachusetts

Yeas & Nay as follows;

Yeas	Fifty five	votes
Nays -	None	"

Adjournment of March Meeting May 11 - AD. 1831
4 ^{o} Clock P M

Dr Sylvenus Brown Chosen Collector & previously agreed to collect the same at 2 p^{er} C^{t} Benjamin Perkins Chosen Surveyor of high ways for lane distrect So Called

Voted that fifty Cts for Men, and Seventy five cts for Oxen be allowed for clearing out the highways the last Winter
Voted.. that the above bills be deducted from thier highway tax the ensuing year
Voted that Ezra Lummus Benj Edwards & Simeon Friend be a Committee to examin the several Surveyors bills & adited.
Voted that their respective bills be presented by that time or not allowed.
Voted that this committee be convened before the last day of this month.
Voted that this meeting be adjourned, Sine die.

A True coppy attest

David Starrett. T. Clerk.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS.

That we David Starrett Charles Brown & Richard Dodge Selectmen of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorise by said Town, and in consideration of the sum of Twenty dollars paid by Abel of Wenham in the county of Essex aforesaid, Shoemaker, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do herbygive Grant, Sell and convey to the said Abel Dodge his Heirs and Assigns, a Pew in the gallery on the south side of the Meeting house in Wenham N.^{o}. 1.

To hold and to have

the afore granted premices the said Abel his heirs and Assigns to and their use forever. And we do covenant with the said Abel his Heirs and assigns, that we are lawfully seised in fee of the afore granted premices, that they are free of all incumberence: that a good right to sell and Convey to the said Abel, and we will warrant and defend the same to the his heirs and assignees, forever against the lawful claims of all persons.

In witnes whereof we the said David Starrett Charles Brown and Richard Dodge Selectmen of Wenham in behalf of the Town, have set our hands and Seals this Thirtieth day of September A. D. 1831

Signed sealed and delivered in pressence of us

Signed

David Starrett) Select men
)
Charles Brown) of
)
Richard Dodge) Wenham

Then the above named David Charles and Richard appeared and acknowledged the above named Instrument to be their free act and will before me

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That we, David Starrett Charles Brown and Richard Dodge Select men of Wenham , in County of Essex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being authorised by said town and in consideration of the sum of Nine dollars paid by Moses Foster Esquire of Wenham in the County of Essex aforesaid. The receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant Sell and convey to the said Moses Foster his heirs and assigns, a Pew in the Gallery on the south side of the Meeting house. N^{o}. 3.

To hold and to have the afore granted premises; to the said Moses, his heirs and Assigns; to his and their use forever. And we do Covenant with the said Moses, his heirs and assigns; that we are lawfully seized in fee of the above granted premices, that they are free of all incumberences, that we have good right to Sell and Convey, to the said Moses, his heirs and assigns and we will warrant and defend the same to the said Moses his heirs & assigns forever against the lawful Claims and demands of all persons

In witness whereof we the said David Starrett Charles Brown and Richard Dodge, Selectmen of Wenham, in behalf of said town have set our hands & seals this sixteenth day of Sept. A. D one thousand eight hundred thirty one

Signed sealed, and delivered in presence of us.	David Starrett	)	Select men
		)	
	Charles Brown	)	of
		)	
Benjamin Edwards Nicholass Dodge Jr	Richard Dodge	)	Wenham

Then the above named David Charles and Richard acknowledged the above named instrument to be their free act and deed before me

Nicholass Dodge Jr Justice peace

We the subscribers Select men of the town of Wenham and Topsfield have this 26th day of Dec^{r} 1831 met agreeable to notice given by the select men of Wenham, it being the most ancient town, for the purpose of perambulating and runing the lines and renewing the marks between our sd towns and having attended to that service, make return as follows. viz. Begining at a Stone near the Northwest corner of Wenham Causway (so caled) marked T W D. being the corner bounds between Wenham and Topsfield and Danvers, thence Northerly 36 1/2 Deg. East 117 1/2 rods to a stone mark^{d} WT. by a wall dividing Jacob & Joshua Townses land; thence Northerly 15 Deg. East 82 1/2 rods, to a stone mark^{d} WT. at the northeast corner of Robinsons Island (so called) thence Northerly 20 1/2 Deg East 60 rods to a stone mark^{d} W. T. at the southeast side of Wenham Island (so Called), thence North 58 1/2 Deg. East 29 rods to a stone near the river marked W. T. at the Northeast side of Wenham Island aforesaid; thence Easterly by the river to hamilton line

(Select men	David Starrett	(Selectmen	
(		(	
(of	Charles Brown	(of	
(		(	
(Topsfield	Richard Dodge	(Wenham	

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Wenham & Danvers have this twenty sixth day of Dec^{m} A. D. 1831, met agreeable to notice given by the Select men of Wenham, it being the most ancient town; for the purpose of perambulating and runing the lines and renewing the marks between our said towns and having attended to that service make return as follows: Viz Begining at a stone mark^{d} WDB standing in the wall between Col. Paul Porter and John Baker farms, from thence North about 24 1/2 deg West 207 rods to a willow tree W. D. near Leaches meadow (so called) at the Easterly end of a division wall on the farm owned by Elius Putnam; from thene about 26 1/2 Deg. East about 218 rods, to a Stone mark^{d} W. D standing in the wall on the Westerly side Wenham Casuwey from thence to a stone mark^{d} WTD standing at the Westerly end of said Casway, North 11 1/2 Deg. West Eighty one rods, about six polls to the Westward that being the bounds between said Wenham Danvers and Topsfield.

Benj^{n} Jacobs)	Select men	Charles Brown)	Select men
)	of	)	of
Jacob F Perry)	Danvers	Richard Dodge)	Wenham

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

That I Aaron D Barnes of Wenham in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts Cordwainer, in consideration of one dollar to me paid by Israel D. Barnes and my indebtedness to him, the said Israel, do hereby sell and Convey to him the said Israel, Seven Cords of Turf or Peat. Said Peat is now deposited in the Southern part of Jacob Dodges Barn in Said Wenham.

This may Certify that I, the Said Aaron D. Barnes have sold and delivered to him the said Israel D. Barnes, the aboved named lot of Peat reserving to my Self one Cord of said Turf or Peat for my own immediate use.

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of
Rufus A. Dodge

Witness my hand & seal
September 22^{d} 1834

Dated at Wenham

Aaron D. Barnes

A true record

Attest

Moses Foster T. Clerk

January Meeting 1832

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote for Representative to Congress, held on Monday the Sixteenth day of January AD. 1832, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative to Congress of the United States for Essex North district. The whol number of votes given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made according to law; and were for the following pesons. Viz.

for Hon	Caleb Cushing	forty three
"	Joseph Kettredge	Twenty three
	Gayton P Osgood	four --------

A true Coppy attest

David Starrett (T. Clerk

February Meeting 1832

At a legal Meeting as express^{d} at the above Jany meeting held the 13th day of Feby 1832 - 2 o clock P. M. the following was the vote

viz Hon	Caleb Cushing	had	Sixty three	63
"	Joseph Kettredge	"	Thirty	30
	Gayton P. Osgood	"	Ten	10

A true Coppy attest

David Starrett (T. Clerk

March Meeting 1832

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden Tuesday the sixth day of March A.D. 1832 for the purpose of chooseing town officers and acting on other town business;- Also to give in their votes for County Treasurer - as the warrant on file may more fully appear.

Andrew Dodge — Moderator

Moses Foster — Town Clerk

Richard Dodge
Charles Brown
Ezra Lummus
— Selectmen and Assessors

Town Treasurer — David Starrett

Nicholas Dodge
Ezra Lummus
Thomas Kimball
— Overseers of the Poor

James Allen
Richard Dodge
— Constables

Israel D. Barns
Simeon Friend
Daniel Merrill
James Allen
William Dodge
Benjamin Edwards
Nathan Knowlton
— Surveyors of Highways

Jacob Dodge
Franklin Hadley
Simeon Friend
— Surveyors of Lumber

Edmund Batchelder — Sealer WTs & Measures

Simeon Friend
Israel Batchelder
Franklin Hadley
Amos Gould
— Tythingmen

Nicholas Dodge Jr Warren Peabody Moses Foster	Surveyors of Fences
Franklin Hadley Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend Jacob Dodge junior	Measurer of Wood & Bark
William Porter Richard Tucker Israel D. Barns Andrew Wyatt Abraham Dodge 2.d	Hogreeves
Warren Peabody Daniel Butman Samuel Ober 2.d Jacob Dodge junior John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Ezra Dodge	Haywards
Richard Dodge Charles Brown Ezra Lummus	Fish Committee

Voted, to raise Three hundred dollars for repairing the highways The ensuing year -----
Voted - to raise one hundred & fifty dollars to be worked out by the whole town on the New road in western part of said town. ---
Voted that Paul Porter be a Surveyor to expend the aforenamed sum on said new road. -----

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Voted to raise three hundred dollars for the support of the Poor and other expences. -----

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Voted. To raise three hundred and thirty dollars for the support of Schools, the ensuing year; - Thirty dollars of which to be appropriated exclusively for a School in Little Comfort - (So called). -----
Voted to pass over the fifth article in the warrant. -----
Voted to pass of the sixth article in the warrant. -----
Voted to raise three hundred dollars for repairs of the highways the ensuing year. -----
Voted to raise a Committee to divide the School money between the three School Districts the ensuing year, and the following persons were chosen, viz: Moses Foster, Downing Gentlee & Warren Peabody.
Voted to postpone the choosing of a School Committee untill a a futer day ----

Votes for County Treasurer - as follows Viz:-
For, - William F. Wade Esq. Forty one Votes.

Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday March the 12th- four oclock P.M.

A true Record Moses Foster T.n. Clerk
Attest

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote for Representative to Congress, held on Monday the twefth day March A.D. 1832.- for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to Congress of the United States, for Essex North District.- The whole number of votes given in were sorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made according to law; and were for the following persons. Viz.-

For Hon. Caleb Cushing, forty five votes -
" Dr. Joseph Kitridge, thirty eight -
" Gayton P. Osgood- thirteen -----
" Ebenezer Bradbury two - ---

A true record Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting the following business was transacted Viz:-

Voted that the School Committe for the ensuing year Consist of Six persons:- Ebenezer P. Sperry, Moses Foster, Downing Gentlee, Warren Peabody, Nicholas Dodge, Jr Samuel Conant Charles Brown.---
2.d Voted that the Town Treasurer be Collector of taxes the ensuing year. ---
3.d Voted to allow six per cent on all taxes paid on or before the first day of September A.D. 1832.
4th Voted that all taxes paid on, or, before the first day of Jany A.D. 1833, shall be allowed a discount of four per cent. --

Then voted that this meeting be disolved, and it disolved accordingly. ---

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

Then personally appeared Richard Dodge, Charles Brown and Ezra Lummus, Selectmen & Assessors, and took the oath prescribed by law to qualify them for said offices. -- Before me Moses Foster Twn Clerk March 6th 1832. --- All other officers of the Town of whom an oath is required, have also appeared and taken the oath to qualify them for their several offices.

April 9th 1832

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote for Representative to Congress of the United States for Essex North District. The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted and declaration thereof made

according to law; and were for the following persons Viz:-

For Hon. Joseph Kittredge	Thirty seven votes	
" Gayton P. Osgood Esq.	Nine	"
" Daniel Butman	Four	"
" George W. Heard Esq.	One	"
" David Starrett "	One	"

A true record Attest -- Moses Foster, Town Clerk

A Division line of fence, between Jacob Dodge, and Nathaniel Kimball bothe of the Town of Wenham, made and agreed upon this nineteenth day of April A.D. 1832. Said line commences at a Stake & Stones in the Southern edge of Pleasant Pond, thence about Southwest to the Corner of a Stone wall, Thence Northerly as the wall and fence now stands to a Stake in the Corner of a Ditch in the Swamp.- Said Kimball owns the first described line from the Pond to the Corner of the Stone wall aforementioned, and fourteen feet beyond, and is hereafter to be maintained and kept in good repair by said Kimball and his heirs and assigns. And the remainder of said line to the ditch in the swamp to be maintained by said Dodge his heirs and assigns hereafter and kept in good repair.--

A tru record

Attest Moses Foster) Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote for Representative to Congress held on Monday the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1832, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to Congress of the United States, for Essex North District.-- The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made according to law; and were for the following persons Viz:-

For Hon. Joseph Kittridge	Thirty votes	
" Gayton P. Osgood Esq.	Five	do.
" Thomas M. Clark Esq.	One	do.
" John Davis	One	do.
" Daniel Butman	Fourteen	do.
" Luke Dodge	Two	do.

A true record ----- Attest ----- Moses Foster TownClerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Thursday the 23d day of August A.D. 1832. To see what measures the tow would adopt in regard to a new road now in contemplation in the eastern part of said Wenham Commencing at the junction of the road leading to Essex and Manchester in said town of Wenham near the dwelling house of Downing Gentlee's and runing southwesterly across Longham meadow so called, and terminating near the Meeting house of the First Parish in Beverly, as by the Petition on file may more fully appear. Andrew Dodge Esq. was Chosen Moderator.

1. Voted that a Committee of five persons be chosen to waite on the Hon. Commissioners, and to oppose the new location of the aforementioned road, and that said Committee when Chosen be instructed to view said newly contemplated road or any other, having connection with it: and make a survey of a portion of the same, and furthermore to employ counsell in the case, if they the said Committee, shall think it expedient.

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2d Voted that the aforenamed Committee consist of the following persons Viz:

Hon. Daniel Kilham
Mr. Abraham Dodge
Nicholas Dodge Esq.
Andrew Dodge "
Ezra Lummus "

3d Voted that the Committee do now receive the foregoing instructions. ----

Then voted that this meeting be disolved and it was accordingly done.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote for Representatives to Congress, holden Monday the third day of September A.D. 1832. For the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Essex north district.

The whole number of votes given in, were Sorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made according to law; and were for the following persons:

For Hon.	Caleb Cushing	Eight votes ----
" "	Joseph Kitridge	Seventeen votes
-----	Gayton P. Osgood Esqr	Five do.

A true record

Attest - - Moses Foster) Town Clerk

November Meeting 1832

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the twelfth day of Novr A.D. 1832, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, and for Senators for Essex County, on one ballot. Also to give in their votes for Presidential Electors. Also to give in their votes for Representative in the Congress of the United States. --- Also their votes for Representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to be Convened at Boston on the first Wednesday in January 1833. --

The whole number of votes given in were Assorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made, and were as follows.

For Governor	His Ex. Levi Lincoln had	Sixty two votes	
" "	Hon. Marcus Morton.	Fifteen do.	
" "	Samuel Lothrop	Fourteen do.	

For Lieut Governor	Hon. Samuel T. Armstrong had	Sixtwo votes	
" "	John Mills	Fifteen do.	
" "	Timothy Fuller	Fourteen do.	

For Senators	William Johnston	Sixty votes	National Republican
	Elias Putnam	Sixty do.	
	Josiah Newhall	Sixty do.	
	Gilman Parker	Sixty do.	
	David Putnam	Sixty do.	
	William Nichols	Sixty do.	

For Senators	Moses Wingate	Fifteen votes	Jackson
	Joseph Cabbot	Fifteen do.	
	George Savary	Fifteen do.	
	William Hawks	Fifteen do.	
	Stephen Bailey	Fifteen do.	
	Henry A. Breed	Fifteen do	

Senators	William Reed	Fifteen votes	Anti-masonick
	Joseph Winn	Fifteen do.	
	William B. Breed	Fifteen do.	
	Thomas Payson	Fifteen votes	
	Thomas M. Clark	Fifteen do.	
	Jeremiah Spofford	Fifteen do.	

For Representative to Congress	Hon. Jeremiah Nelson had	Seventy two votes
" "	Gayton P. Osgood Esquire	Fifteen do.

For Representative to General Court	Moses Foster Esq. had	Sixty eight Votes
	John T. Dodge Jr.	Twenty six do.

For Presidential Electors

At Large	Charles Jackson	had Sixty	Votes
	Nathan Willis	Fifteen	do.
	John D. Williams	Sixteen	do.

Suffolk

Thomas Perkins	had	Sixty Votes
Charles Hood		Fifteen do.
Jacob Hall		Sixteen do.

Essex South

Gideon Barstow	Sixty do.
John Moriarty	Fifteen do.
William B. Breed	Sixteen do.

Essex North

Ebenezer Mosley	Sixty do.
Amos Noyes	Fifteen do.
Thomas Payson	Sixteen do.

Middlesex

Nathan Brooks	Sixty do.
Eliphalet Case	Fifteen do.
Benjamin Wyman	Sixteen do.

Worcester South

Aaron Tufts	Sixty do.
Richard Olney	Fifteen do.
Pliney Merrick	Sixteen do.

Worcester North

Samuel Lee	Sixty Votes
Charles Sibley	Fifteen do.
Stephen P. Gardner	Sixteen do.

Franklin

Ebenezer Mattoon	Sixty do.
Perley Barton	Fifteen do.
Asa Stebbins	Sixteen

Hamden

James Byers	Sixty do.
William M. Thompson	Fifteen do.
John Chaffey	Sixteen do.

Berkshire

Henry Shaw	Sixty do.
Phinehas Allen	Fifteen do.
James W. Robbins	Sixteen do.

Norfolk

James Richardson	Sixty do.
Ebenezer Seaver	Fifteen do.
John Bailey	Sixteen do.

Plymouth

Jonathan Lincoln	Sixty	do.
Peter H. Pierce	Fifteen	do.
Zacheriah Eddey	Sixteen	do.

Bristol

Cornelius Grinnell	Sixty	do.
John M. Williams	Fifteen	do.
Joseph Richardson	Sixteen	do.

Barnstable

Nymphas Marston	Sixty	do.
Samuel Stinson	Fifteen	do.
Benjamin Hattet	Sixteen	do.

A true Record

Attest, Moses Foster Town Clerk

March Meeting 1833

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Tuesday the fifth day March A.D. 1833 for the purpose of Choosing town officers and transacting other town business -----
Also to give in their votes for County Treasurer, -- as the warrant on file may more fully appear.

Andrew Dodge	Moderator
Moses Foster	Town Clerk
Stephen Dodge Ezra Lummus Warren Peabody	Selectmen and Assessors
Ezra Lummus Nicholas Dodge jr Charles Brown	Overseers of the Poor
David Starrett	Town Treasurer
James Allen Richard Dodge	Constables
Andrew Standley Nathan Knowlton John Davis Dr. Samuel Dodge Edmund Batchelder Moses Kent Simeon Friend	Surveyors of Highways

Nicholas Dodge jr Ezra Lummus Moses Foster	Surveyors of Fences
Samuel G. Wokums James Allen James Cook Nath.l. Shattuck Daniel Butman	Hogreeves
Franklin Hadley Rufus A. Dodge Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
Jacob Dodge jr John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Amos Gould Moses Kent Daniel Butman David Standley	Haywards
James Allen Simeon Friend Daniel Merrill John Cleaves	Tythingmen
Franklin Hadley Simeon Friend Rufus A. Dodge	Surveyors of Lumber
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of Wts. & Measures
Stephen Dodge Ezra Lummus Warren Peabody	Fish Committee

Voted to rais three hundred dollars for repairs of highwas

Voted to raise three hundred and thirty dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year,- thirty dollars of Said Sum to be appropriated to a School in little Comfort. ---

Voted to raise Six hundred dollars for the Support of the Poor and other expences. ---

Jacob Dodge junior Chosen Pound Keeper the ensuing year

Whol number of votes for County Treasurer were forty one - and all for William F. Wade Esquire. ---

Voted that two hundred dollars out of the aforenamed six hundred, shall be appropriated for Clearing the Highways and Town ways of Snow in winter so as to make the same passible.

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to appoint some Suitable persons for Clearing the Snow in winter from the highways so as to make them passable, and to draw orders for the

same, not acceeding two hundred dollars.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to allow persons liveing off the main road a certain sum of money for Clearing the Snow from their own private ways, if they Should deem the same expedient.

Voted--That the Fish Committee be authorised to meet the several fish Committees of other towns interested in takeing of Alewives on the Several Streams emtying into Ipswich River, to devise Some means whereby the fishways may be so Constructed as to admit of the fish again to the Several Streams aforenamed. -----

Voted--The thanks of the town to the Hon. Daniel Kilham for his faithful Survices, as Chairman of the Committee Chosen by the town, to oppose the location of a road in Contemplation in the Eastern part of Wenham. -----

Voted--That the Selectmen be authorised to enquire into the expediency of allowing to any individuals liveing off any publick highway any part of their taxes, - to be worked out on their own private ways, - and report at the adjournment of this meeting, that the town may act thereon. -----

Voted.-- That Jacob Symonds Ezra Lummus Jacob Dodge James Allen & Moses Foster:- be a Committee to look into the affairs of Samuel Batchelders Guardianship. ----

Voted.-- That the annual March meeting Stand adjourned to the first monday in April at four oClock in the afternoon.

April Meeting 1833

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified to vote for Representatives to Congress, holden on Monday the first day of April A.D. 1833. -- for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for Essex South District. ---- The whole number of votes given in, were Sorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made according to law;- and were for the following persons Viz:--

For.	Hon Rufus Choate	Forty eight	votes
"	Joseph S. Cabbot -	four	do.
"	William B. Breed	Seventeen	do

At the adjournment of the march meeting to April first four oClock P.M. - The following business was transacted Viz:

)Town's Committee Chosen Consisting of Rev.
)Messrs. E. P. Sperry & Miller, -Nicholas Dodge jr.
)Samuel Conant and Charles Brown. --

1st Voted.-- that a discount of Six per cent be allowed on all taxes paid into the Treasurer on or before the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1833 and that the Treasurer be and is hereby directed & required to distrain for all taxes that shall remain unpaid after the thirty first day of January A.D. 1834

I hereby certify that all the towns officers chosen at the annual town meeting March fifth A. D. 1833 for the town of Wenham of whom an oath is required personally appeared and took the oath prescribed by law necessary to qualify them for said offices. --- accept Nathan Knowlton and Andrew Standly. Before me

Moses Foster Town Clerk

Know All Men by these Presents That I Jacob Dodge junior of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, House wright, in Consideration of Eighteen dollars paid me by Eben P. Caswell of Wenham in said County, Bricklayer, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do, hereby give, grant, sell and Convey unto him the said Eben P. Caswell his heirs and assigns forever, --- A Certain Pew in the Eastern Gallery of the Congregational Meeting-house in said Wenham, No. 6 --- To have and to hold the granted premises with the appurtenances to the said Caswell to his heirs and assigns to his and their use and benefit forever. And I the said Jacob Dodge junior for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, do hereby Covenant with the said Caswell his heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises: that they are free of all incumberance: that I have good right to sell and Convey the same to the said Caswell his heirs and assigns forever and that I will, and my heirs, executors and administrators shall, Warrant and defend the same to the said Caswell his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims demands of any persons. And I, Joanna Wife of said Jacob, in Consideration of ten Cents paid me by the said Eben P. Caswell do hereby grant and release to him his heirs and assigns forever all my right of Dower in the granted premises. ---

In Witness Whereof, We the said Jacob Dodge junior and Joanna have hereunto set our hands and seals this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. ---

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of us

Jacob Dodge Jr. /s.s./

Joanna Dodge /s.s./

Moses Foster
Abigail Foster

Essex ss. April 6th A. D. 1833 -- Then the above named Jacob Dodge jr acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed. --

Before me Moses Foster Justice of the Peace

Know All Men By These Presents That I Daniel Merrill Jr of Wenham in the County of Essex State of Massachusetts Cordwainer for and in Consideration of the sum of Ninety dollars to me in hand paid by George W. Merrill of said Wenham Cordwainer, at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold and delivered and by these Presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said George W. Merrill a Shoe makers shop now standing on land in said Wenham bought of Dr. John Porter by George W. Merrill, Said Shop measures about twelve by fifteen feet and is painted red ----- To have and to hold Said Shop unto the Said George W. Merrill his executors, administrators and assigns to his and their own proper use and benifit forever. And I the said Daniel Merrill jr for myself and my heirs executors and administrators will warrant and defend the Said Shop unto the said George W. Merrill his executors administrators & assigns, from and against all persons whomsoever. In Witness whereof I the said Daniel Merrill jr this Seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three at Salem in said County have set my hand and Seal.

Signed Sealed and delivered)
in presence of us. ---------)

Charles A. Andrews Daniel Merrill Jr. /L.S./
Nath[l] J. Lord -----

Entered June 17th 1833 8 oClock P.M. --

A true record
Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

September 7th 1833 --- I do hereby acknowledge that I have received the sum of ninety dollars for the above described shoe makers shop and have delivered up the Said Shop to Daniel Merrill Jr and am fully satisfied. George W. Merrill

---

Know all Men by these Presents that I John A. Mildram of Wenham in the County Essex State of Massachusetts Cordwainer for and in Consideration of Sixty dollars to me in hand paid by Jacob Dodge jr of Said Wenham House wright at and before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained Sold and delivered and by these Presents do bargain Sell and deliver unto the Said Jacob Dodge junior a dark bay Horse- a Waggon and Harness, the horse about eight years old ---- To have and to hold Said Horse --- Waggon and harness unto him the Said Jacob Dodge jr - to his proper use and benifit, and I the Said John A Mildram for myself do - and will warrant and defend the Said Horse - Waggon and Harness unto the Said Jacob Dodge jr against all persons whomsoever --- In Witness whereof I the Said John A. Mildram this twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three at Wenham

in Said County hous

Set my hand and Seal

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us

--------- Lord Thorndike Symonds

John A. Mildram (L.S.)

Entred August 23.d 1833. --

A true record

Attest -- Moses Foster Town Clerk

Know All Men by these Presents that We George Channel and Thomas Burke both of Wenham in the County of Essex State of Massachusetts Cordwainers, for and in Consideration of the Sum of fifty three dollars and and thirty four Cents to us in hand paid by Moses Mildram of Said Wenham Cordwainer at and before the Sealing and delivering of these Presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold and delivered and by these Presents do bargain Sell and deliver unto the Said Moses Mildram two thirds of one dark brow Horse about Seven years old both hind feet White, Said Horse is owned in Company equally between Said Channel, Burke and Ira Wyatt of of Hamilton in Said County - Cordwainers-- To have and to hold two thirds of said horse unto the Said Moses Mildram his executors administrators and assigns to his and their proper use and benifit forever, and We the said George Channel and Thomas Burke for ourselves, and our heirs executors and administrators will Warrant and defend two thirds of Said horse unto the Said Moses Mildram his executors administrators and assigns forever against all persons whomsoever -----

In Witness whereof we the Said George Channel and Thomas Burke this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three at Wenham in Said County have Set our hands and Seals

Signed George Channel (L.S.)

Thomas his x mark Burke (L.S.)

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of us -

Israel D. Barnes
Mary S. Barnes

A true Record

Moses Foster Clerk of the Town of Wenham -

Know All Men by these Presents that I George Channel of Wenham in the County of Essex & State of Massachusetts Cordwainer for and in Consideration of the Sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid by Moses Mildram of said Wenham in Said County Cordwainer, at and before the Sealing and delivering of these Presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, Sold and delivered and by these Presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said Moses Mildram all the goods household stuff and furniture hereinafter particularly mentioned, that is to say, One Bureau - Three beds and beding - and three bedsteads, Five Tables, Fifteen Chairs - two looking glasses - one Clock - Eight Cords of Wood and Peat - a lot of Crockery ware - lot of Iron ware - One Iron fire set - Trunks and Chests - Candle sticks - Lamps - and waiters --- all and Singular, which Said premises are now remaining, Standing and being in a Certain messuage or tenament situated in said Wenham and owned by James Allen of said Wenham and now in the occupation of said Allen and Said George Channel. --- To have and to hold all and Singular the Said goods - household stuff and furniture and other the premises above bargained and Sold, or mentioned, or intended So to be, to the said Moses Mildram his executors administrators or assigns forever. --- And I the Said George Channel for myself and my heirs executors and administrators will Warrant and defend the Said household stuff and furniture unto the Said Moses Mildram his executors administrators and assigns from and against all persons whomsoever- In Witness Whereof I the Said George Channel this twenty sixth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three at Wenham in Said County have Set my hand and Seal. -

Moses Mildram (S)

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us ---
Israel D. Barnes)
Mary S. Barnes)

A true record

Attest --- Moses Foster - Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham on Monday the ninth day of September A. D. 1833. - To see what measures the town will take to act on the Petition of Simeon Friend, & others, for widening & Straightening the Road leading from the North Parish in Beverly through Wenham, to Towne's Bridge in Topsfield -- Nathaniel Kimball was Chosen Moderator - to govern said meeting -- Hon. Daniel Kilham, Andrew Dodge Esq. & Thomas Kimball were Chosen a Committee to meet the Hon. Commissioner, and to represent the interest of the town as they shall think proper and Communicate their views to the Commissioners. --
Then voted that this meeting be disolved, and it was accordingly done.

A true record

Attest.--Moses Foster Town Clerk

November Meeting 1833

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the Eleventh day of November A.D. 1833 - to give in their votes for Governor,- Lieut. Governor and for Senators for Essex County. -- Also to vote for - or against - the amendment of the Constitution. -- Also to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the General Court of this Commonwealth to be Convened at Boston on the first Wednesday of January, 1834. --- The whole number of votes given in were assorted, Counted, and declaration thereof made and were as follows --

For Governor.	Hon.	John Davis	Thirty one Votes
	"	Marcus Morton	Eleven do.
	"	John Quincy Addams	do.

For Lieut Governor	Hon	Samuel T. Armstrong	thirty three votes
		James Fowler	ten do.
		Samuel Lothrop	thirty do.

For Senators

Hon.	Gideon Barstow	Thirty four Votes
"	Josiah Newhall	thirty three do.
"	William Nichols	thirty three do.
"	Samuel Merrill Esq.	thirty three do.
	Jesse Kimball "	thirty four do.
	Robert Hooper jr. Esq.	thirty three do.
	Moses Wingate	ten do.
	John Merrill	ten do.
	George Savary	ten do.
	Robert Rantoul jr.	ten do.
	Henry A. Breed	ten do.
	William Hawkes	ten do.
	William Read	thirty one do.
	Joseph Winn	thirty do.
	Thomas M. Clark	thirty one do.
	Jeremiah Spofford	thirty do.
	Thomas Payson	thirty one do.
	Richard Hazeltine	thirty do.

For the amendment of the Constitution forty five votes---
Against the amendment One Vote -

Votes for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth

For	John Porter-	thirty nine
"	Moses Foster	thirty
"	Andrew Dodge	one
"	John T. Dodge	one

A true record

Attest Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the qualified voters in the town of Wenham held on Monday the Eleventh day of November A.D. 1833 to see if the town will any further advocate the petition of Simeon Friend and others, to widen, Straiten, or new locate certain parts of a road leading from the North Meeting house in Beverly, through Wenham, to Towne's Bridge in Topsfield, or act anything thereon -

Andrew Dodge Esq was Chosen Moderator to Govern said meeting.-
Then voted that this meeting Stands adjourned to Wednesday the thirteenth of November instant at three of the Clock in the afternoon, ---

A true record.

Attest.

Moses Foster, Town Clerk

Wednesday November 13th A.D. 1833. - Met according to adjournment.
Andrew Dodge esquire Chosen Moderator. Then voted that the Committee Chosen by the town at a former meeting to attend the Hon. Commissioners to represent the town in regard to said road as they Should think proper be discharged from any further duty relative to Said road ----- And that the whole matter in reference to Said road be left with the Honorable Commissioners, to grant the prayer of the petitioners or not, as they may think proper. ---

A true record

Attest

Moses Foster Town Clerk

March Meeting 1834

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Tuesday the fourth day of March A.D. 1834 - for the purpose of choosing town officers and transacting other town business. -----Also to give in their votes for a County Treasurer, as the Warrant on file may more fully appear.

Andrew Dodge Esq. Moderator

Moses Foster Town Clerk

Stephen Dodge
Ezra Lummus
Warren Peabody

Selectmen
and
Assessors

Smith Gallop Franklin Hadley Simeon Friend	Overseers of the Poor
David Starrett	Town Treasurer & Collector
Richar Dodge Rufus A. Dodge	Constables
Downing Gentlee Andrew Dodge John Davis Joseph Batchelder Simeon Friend Abraham Patch Daniel Merrill	Surveyors of Highways
Downing Gentlee Moses Foster Charles Brown	Surveyors of Fences
Franklin Hadley Rufus A. Dodge Andrew Dodge Simeon Friend	Corders of Wood
Jacob Dodge jr. John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Abraham Dodge 2.d. Moses Kent Jabez Richards Daniel Butman	Haywards
Daniel Merrill Jacob Dodge jr. Simeon Friend & the two Constables in addition to the others	Tythingmen
Franklin Hadley Edmund Batchelder Smith Gallop	Surveyors of Lumber
Edmund Batchelder	Sealer of Wts. & Measures
Israel D. Barnes Ezra Shattuck James Cook Paul Howe Henry Nutter Thomas Kimball	Hogreeves

Stephen Dodge
Ezra Lummus
Warren Peabody

Fish Committee

1st Voted that the sum of ten dollars be allowe to the Selectmen for their services as Selectmen and Assessors the ensuting year.

2d Voted to accept the Selectmen's report.

3d Voted that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorised to employ Counsel at any time in behalf of said town, when in their opinion the interest of said town requires it.

4th Voted to raise two hundred dollars for the Support of the Poor the ensuing year.

5th Vote to raise One hundred and fifty dollars for incidental Expences the ensuing year.

6th Voted that the Selectmen be and they are hereby authorised to keep the roads clear of Snow, the ensuing year, or employ suitable persons for that purpose.

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8th Voted that the School money be divided between the three Districts by the towns Committee as they may judge expedient

9th Voted to raise three hundred dollars for repairs of the Highway's the ensuing year.

10th Voted that the Willow trees standing on the Training field be trimed one foot from the trumk and the wood to be Sold at auction for the benifit of the town.

11th Voted to pass over the Seventh article in the Warrant. -

12th Voted that it is inexpedient, that any Licenses should be granted for the Sale of Ardent Spirits in the town the Coming Year. -

13th Voted that no Cattle or Horses shall be allowed to go at large in the town at any season of the year.

14th Voted to pass over the tenth article in the Warrant.

15th Voted that the highways for the ensuin year be repaired by a money tax to be assessed as a part of the town tax, and that the Selectmen be a Committee to apportion the sum raised for repairing highways among the several wards, having some regard to the condition and travels of the roads in said wards, and make assignments to the several Surveyors, Requireing the Surveyors to call on all liveing within their wards, that every man may have an opportunity to work out his or their proportionable part of the Said assignment, allowing to each man who performs his labour the rates heretofore allowed by the town.

Whole number of votes for County Treasurer wer thirty five, and for William F. Wade Esq.

Voted --- That the annual March meeting stand adjourned to the Eleventh day of the present month at four oClock in the afternoon, at the Congregational Meeting-house.

A true record

Attest

Moses Foster) Town Clerk

Know All Men by These Presents That I Francis Merrill of Wenham in the County of Essex State of Massachusetts Cordwainer, for and in Consideration of eighty five dollars to me in hand paid by Moses Mildram of Hamilton in Said County Cordwainer and before the Sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have bargained Sold and delivered, and by these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the Said Moses Mildram, One black Horse, five years old. Also One Horse Waggon and Harness. ---To have and to hold Said Horse Waggon and Harness to the said Moses Mildram his executors administrators and assigns, to his and their own proper use and benifit forever. And I the Said Francis Merrill for myself and my heirs executors administrators will warrant and defend the Said Horse Waggon & Harness, unto the Said Moses Mildram, his executors administrators and assigns, from and against all persons whomsoever.

In Witness whereof I the Said Francis Merrill This Fifteenth day of March at Wenham in Said County in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, have Set my hand and Seal

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us

Moses Foster
Thomas Wheeler

Signed Francis Merrill /LS/

A true record, Attest

Moses Foster Town Clk

At the adjournment of the Annual March meeting, holden on the eleventh day of march A. D. 1834, the following business was transacted. to (wit):

1st. Voted that that part of the report which relates to the Centre School be erased from Said report, and not be accepted, - and that the report of Said School Committee relating to the East and West School be accepted by Said town.

2d. Voted that the School Committee for the ensuing year Consist of the following persons, Rev. Ebenezer P. Sperry, - Rev. Charles Miller, Stephen Dodge, Abraham Patch, and Samuel Conant. - Said Committee to see to the apropriation of the thirty dollars for a Woman's School in little comfort.

3d. Voted That the several Districts be allowed to Choose their own Prudential Committee's.

4th. Voted, That a discount of Six per cent be allowed on all

taxes paid into the Treasurer of Said town, on or before the thirtieth day of December A.D. 1834, - and that the Treasurer be and is hereby required & directed to distrain for all taxes that shall remain unpaid after the thirty first day of January A.D. 1835. -

5th. Voted, That the Selectmen serve the County Commissioners with a vote that was passed on the 4th. inst. that it is inexpedient that any License should be granted for the Sale of Ardent Spirit in the Coming year.

6th. Voted, That whenever in the opinion of the Selectmen any person may become Chargeable to the town by their own misconduct that they take proper measures to have any or all Such persons put under Guardianship

7th. Voted, That the Selectmen be and They are hereby empowered to petition in behalf of the town to the County Commissioners, (if other towns in the County Cooperate) that their be Some alteration to lessen the expence of Board that is Charged at the County-house.

Know all men by these presents that I Nathaniel Shattuck of Wenham in consideration of one dollar paid me and of my indebtedness to Samuel Obear of Wenham in County of Essex do hereby sell assign transfer and convey to him the said Obear One Red horse about twelve years old, star in the forehead & switch tail, to hold the same to him the said Obear forever, Provided however if I pay Said Obear Such and all sums due him within four months this obligation to be void otherwise remain

Dated at Wenham 24 july 1834 two Oclock P.M.

Signed & Sealed
in presence of Nathaniel Shattuck /L.S./

I. P. Saunders

A true copy Attest I D Barnes for
Moses Foster Town Clerk

N. B. A Bill of Sale from John Porter to Martha Porter was recorded back in this book, where was left a blank leaf. In that part of the book mark[t] or dated 1827

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham, qualified to vote in town affairs holden on June the Sixth day A.D. 1834. The following business was transacted

1st. Andrew Dodge esquire was Chosen Moderator.

2d. David Starrett esquire was Chosen Clerk Pro tem

3d. Voted that Hon. Daniel Kilham, Andrew Dodge, Esq. and Ezra Lummus be a Committee to meet the Hon. County Commissioners at the Dwelling house of Amos Shelden esqr in Beverly on the ninth instant, with instructions to represent the interest of Said town in regard to the new location of a road in the Western part of Said town.

A true record

Attest. Stephen Dodge T. Clerk
Pro tem.

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held August fourth A.D. 1834. Voted as follows Andrew Dodge Esq. Moderator. Stephen Dodge Town Clerk Pro tem. - Voted that a Committee of three persons be chosen to use all fair and honourable means in opposition to the location of a road in the Easterly part of Said as prayed for by Nehemiah Dodge and others. Committee for the above Hon. Daniel Kilham Andrew Dodge and Ezra Lummus Voted that Committee be instructed to employ Counsel & Some Person or Persons Competent to make a Survey & estimate of the expence of building the road in the Easterly part of said town as prayed for in said Petition, - also to make known the doings of this meeting to the town of Beverly & request their cooperation to use all fair and honourable means in opposition to the location of any such Road as prayed for in Said Petition & in all other respects in regard to Surveys or evidences in the Case as they may think best for the interest of Said town. ----

A true record. -- Attest. Stephen Dodge T. Clerk Protempore.

October 1834. ---- At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Tuesday the Seventh day of October A.D. 1834. Voted as follows, Andrew Dodge esquire Moderator.

Voted - to pass over the second article in the Warrant.
Voted that Andrew Dodge esq.be a Committee, to take advice in regard to the legality of locating a Road in the Western part of Said town as prayed for by Simeon Friend and others.
Voted - that the above Committee be instructed to Petition the Hon. Court of County Commissioners to grant the town some relief from the County towards making said Road.
Voted that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday the tenth day of November next at five oClock in the afternoon, at the old Meeting house in said town.

A true record

Attest -- Moses Foster T. Clerk

Know all Men by These Presents That I Francis W. Merrill of Wenham in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts Shoe Maker, have this Sixth day of October 1834 Sold to Moses Mildram of said Wenham, all my Household Furniture together with all and every other article hereafter named ----- One mahogany Bureau, - four feather beds - Bedsteads & Bedding. -- Three dining tables, & one work table, Six dining Chairs - one Rocking chair, - one red Cow five years old, - Three Swine, Five cords of Wood, - Two trunks one Corn Chest - one large Meal Chest - one Clock - all the Crockery and Iron ware - one

brass Kettle, amounting in all to the Sum of one hundred and forty five dollars. I the said Francis have released all my right title and interest in the above named articles, to Moses Mildram of said Wenham for the benifit of my Wife Sarah Mildram; Said Moses is to Sell Said property for the benifit of Said Sarah at any time he may think proper, or dispose of it any way he may Choose for her benifit. -- Said furniture is in the house recently occupied by me in the town of Wenham, and also the aforenamed Cow & Swine, at the Barn on near Said Dwelling house. -----

Dated at Shapleigh State of Maine October 6th 1834.

Signed --- Francis Merrill

Witnessed by Israel

A true record

Attest. Moses Foster T. Clerk

Wenham Oct 16th. 1834

Warren Peabody bought of John A Mildram one dark chestnut horse at fifty dollars and one light wooden ex wagon at twenty five dollars

Received Payment John A Mildram

Delivered in the presence of us Dated Oct 16th AD 1834
free of all incumberance
Rufus A. Dodge Rufus A Dodge
for
James Allen Moses Foster Town Clerk

November Meeting 1834

At a legal meeting of the qualified Voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the tenth day of November 1834, - for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Governor, - Lieutenant Governor, and Senators for Essex County. - Also to give in their Votes for a Representative to the twenty third & twenty fourth Congress of the United States, and for a Representative to the next General Court in this Commonwealth.

For Governor	) John Davis	Seventy nine votes
	) John Bailey	Six ditto
	) Marcus Morton	Eleven ditto.
Lieut Governor	) Samuel T. Armstrong	Seventy nine votes
	) George Odiorne	Six -------- ditto
	) William W. Thompson	Eleven ditto

	) Jesse Kimball	had	eighty	Votes	
	) Samuel Merrill		Eighty	ditto	
	) Jonathan Shove		Seventy nine	do.	-- Whg
	) George Lunt		Seventy nine	do.	
	) Joseph G. Waters		Seventy nine	do.	
	) William Ferson		Seventy nine	do.	
	) William Hawkes		Eleven --	do.	
Senators	) George Savary		Eleven --	do.	
	) Henry A. Breed		Eleven --	do.	Jack
	) David Pingree		Eleven --	do.	
	) Thomas G. Farnsworth		Eleven	do.	
	) Josiah Caldwell		Eleven --	do.	
	) Jonathan Buffum		Six --	do.	
	) Josiah Caldwell		Five --	do.	
	) David Pingree		five --	do.	
	) Joseph G. Waters		Six --	do.	
	) John Upton Jr.		Six --	do.	
	) Stephen Barker 2d		Six --	do.	

Representative to the twenty third Congress Stephen C. Phillips, had Eighty five Votes.

Representative to the twenty fourth Congress, Stephen C. Phillips had Eighty two Votes

Representative to the General Court.
John Porter had forty six Votes.
John Dodge had thirty six do. -
Scattering two --- do. -

A true record

Attest

Moses Foster T. Clerk

A

Know All Men by the Presents. That I Amos C. White of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts yeoman, In Consideration of Sixty dollars paid me by Warren Peabody of said Wenham, in the County aforesaid, yeoman, and my indebtedness to him the said Peabody, - I do hereby Sell assign, transfer, and Convey to him the said Peabody - Eight tons of fodder Consisting of English, Salt, and Meadow hay, and Cornfodder, Three Cows, one five, - one eight, and the other twelve years old. One Sorrell Horse twelve years old white stripe up & down the forehead. -- Twenty bushels Corn in the ear - and two Swine. -- To have and to hold to him the said Warren Peabody forever. - Provided however if I pay said Peabody all his demand against me within six months from the date hereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain.

Dated at Wenham December 1st. 1834.

Entered with me Decr 3d Eleven oClock A. m

Signed and Sealed)
in Presence of us -)

Jacob Dodge Jr.
Israel D. Barnes Amos C. White (L.S.)

Attest

A true record

Moses Foster T. Clerk

Know All Men by These Presents, That I, John Porter of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Merchant, in Consideration of a Note of hand fore Value received, given by me to Martha Porter of Said Wenham in & County of Essex,Widow, do hereby grant bargain Sell assign transfer & Set over to Said Martha Porter and her assigns the following personal property, to wit - Forty Four Chairs, Two Card Tables, one Work Table, Two Pembroke Tables, Three Toilette Tables, One Centre Table, Three Common Tables, Three Wash Stands, One Couch, Five Looking Glasses, Two Bureaus, One Maple Bedstead, One Windless Bedstead, Two Beds & Bedding, Two English Carpets, Two Hearth Rugs, One Straw Carpet, One Hemp Carpet. -- Two Brass Fire Setts, Six Trunks, Bed, Table & Toilette Linen, One Stair & Entry Carpet, Sundry Articles of Glass Ware, Crockery & China Ware, Silver Ware, Brittania Ware, Tin Ware, Earthern Ware Iron Ware & Wooden Ware, One hundred Volumes of Medical & other Miscellaneous Books, One Horse Waggon and Harness, & Three dark red Cows--- being all together of the Value of Seven hundred & Sixty Nine Dollars.---
To have and to hold the granted & bargained premises to the Said Martha Porter & her executors Administrators & Assigns in Mortgage to her & their use and behoof forever.---The Condition of these Presents is in Manner following, that is to Say.--- that Whereas the Said John Porter is indebted to said Martha Porter by his note in the Sum of Seven Hundred & fifty dollars,-- bearing even date with these presents & payable in one year from date with interest ---- Now if the Said John Porter Shall well and truly pay the Said Martha Porter and her assigns the Said Sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars with interest, & Shall indemnify & Save harmless the Said Martha Porter & her executors administrators and assigns from all damages Costs and Charges in the premises, then this deed, as also the above mentioned note shall both be Void, Otherwise Shall remain in full force --- -

In Witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand & Seal this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four. -

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of ----

John P. Beach
John T. Dodge Jr

Signed - John Porter

A true record

Attest - Moses Foster T. Clerk

March Meeting 1835

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Tuesday the third day of March A. D. 1835. - for the purpose of Chooseing town officers, and transacting other town business;- Also to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer, as the Warrant on file may more fully appear. ---

Andrew Dodge	Moderator
Moses Foster	Town Clerk
Stephen Dodge Ezra Lummus Warren Peabody	Selectmen & Assessors
Rufus A. Dodge Richard Dodge	Constables
Downing Gentlee Moses Foster Charles Brown	Surveyors of Fences
Samuel Preston Augustus Dodge John T. Dodge John S. Bowmer John Davis Edmund Batchelor William Moulton	Surveyors of Highways
Franklin Hadley Andrew Dodge Edmund Batchelor	Measurers of Wood & Bark
John Cleaves Downing Gentlee Israel D. Barnes Daniel Butman Stephen Cree Ezra Dodge Moses Kent	Haywards

Simeon Friend Franklin Hadley Edmund Batchelor Jacob Dodge	Tythingmen
Franklin Hadley Edmund Batchelor	
Edmund Batchelor	Sealer of Weights & Measures
John Dodge Ezra Lummus Moses Foster	Fish Committee

Voted to raise three hundred dollars for repairs of the Highways the ensuing year. --

Voted to raise three hundred & twenty dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing year, Twenty dollars of Said Sum to be approprated for the instruction of youth in Little Comfort (So called) -

Voted to raise three hundred & fifty dollars for the support of the Poor and other expences the insuing year.

4th. Voted To concur in the decision of the Hon. County Commissioners to make the Road at the West part of said town, and to raise four hundred dollars to defray the expence of the same. ---

5th. Voted To raise one hundred dollars to build an Engine House and the necessary apparatus for the Engine.

6th. That David Starratt Franklin Hadley and Jabez Richards be a Committee to superintend the building of said House and to find a suitable spot of land to set it on. ---

6th. Voted To defray the expence of vaxination of the Kine Pox for individuals that are unable to pay, it to be attended to by the overseers. --

7th. Voted That it is inexpedient that any License should be granted for the sale of Ardent Spirits in the town the ensuing year. --

8th. Voted That Jacob Dodge Stephen Dodge & Richard Dodge be a Committee to make a survey of such new location as they may think necessary on the Road leading from Ezra Lummus-es in said town to the Brick Meetinghouse in the Easterly part of the town of Beverly, and to present the same with a Petition to the Hon. County Commissioners with such other persons or Corporations as may see fit to join them. ---

9th. Voted That in future, the Annual March Meeting shall commence at one of the Clock in the afternoon, and an additional notice for all town meetings shall be posted at the Babbist Meetinghouse.

10th Voted to pass over the tenth article in the Warrant.

11th. Voted To relinquish the priviledge the town has in Peters' Hill to the First Parish in the town of Salem for the

purpose of erecting a Monument to the memory of their deceased and distinguished Divine Hugh Peters, on Condition that the Said first Parish in the town of Salem build or Cause to be build, or erected, a Monument, on the Said Peters Hill within three years from this day March 3d A.D. 1835, otherwise said first Parish have no priviledge to build on said Hill.

12th. Voted that the Highways be repaired agreeable to the vote of 1834 - an that three days notice be given to the people liveing in their respective wards, The Surveyors to work out the whole amount of their assignment.

13th. Voted That John S. Bowmer Ezra Lummus and Andrew Dodge be a Committee to make the Road recently located in the Western part of said town. ----

14th. Voted That the two Apple trees standing in a gravel pit in the Town of Topsfield and owned by the town of Wenham be given to Joshua Herrick, for his use and benifit. ---

15th. VotedThat the several Surveyors of Highways be required to return their Assignment to to the Selectmen on or before the fifteenth 15 day of November next. ---

16th. Voted That a Coppy of the Seventh vote passed as this meeting be presented to the Hon. County Commissioners.

Whole number of votes for County Treasurer was forty-six - all for William F. Wade esquire. -------

Voted That this meeting stand adjourned to the twenty-fourth of March instant and it was accordingly adjourned.

A true record

Attest. -- Moses Foster T. Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I James Dodge of Wenham in the County of Essex, for the Sum of One hundred and thirty dollars, do give grant and Convey the following articles to Rufus A. Dodge, Viz:- One and a half tons of English hay at thirty dollars pr ton, - two tons of Salt hay at twelve dollars, - two tons of meadow hay at 10 dollars per ton, - three tons of Oat fodder at twelve dollars pr ton, - a lot of Corn fodder, fifteen dollars, - One Ox at twenty dollars, - amounting in all to the Sum of One hundred and forty five dollars, - The above articles I delivered to Rufus A. Dodge for the Security of a note of hand one hundred and thirty dollars Signed January 25th 1836. --

Delivered in the presence of us. --Septm. 19 1836

James Allen)
Israel D. Barnes) Signed James Dodge (L.S.)

A true record.

Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

Entered November 3d 1836. --

Wenham Novm. 4th 1836.

Richard Dodge bought of George W. Merrill of said Wenham, one dark red mare about 8 years old, a little lame, for which he paid to said Merrill the sum of thirty dollars.

Recd payt. George Merrill

A true record Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

Know All Men by These Presents That I Andrew Dodge of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts esquire, - in Consideration of One hundred dollars to me paid by Reed P. Clark of Beverly in said County Gentlemen, - the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give grant, sell and Convey unto the said Reed P. Clark his heirs and assigns forever, A Certain Wooden building used as a Shop & Chaise house, situate in said Wenham near the Dwelling house of Moses Foster esquire. Dimensions of said shop and Chaise house as follows, - Length twenty feet, - Width fourteen feet, and nine feet post, Twelve feet of said shop, or building is finished for a Shoemakers Shop, it being the same building that I purchased of Israel D. Barnes the twenty third of December A.D. 1834. -

To have and to Hold the afore-granted premises to the said Reed P. Clark, his heirs and assigns to his & their use and behoof forever. And I do Covenant with the said Reed P. Clark, his heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumberances; that I have good to sell and Convey the Same to the Said Reed P. Clark. And that I will Warrant & defend the Same premises to the Said Reed P. Clark his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful Claims and demands of all persons. -And I Anna wife of said Andrew in Consideration of One dollar paid me by the said Reed P. Clark, hereby release all claim of Dower in the premises granted.

In witness Whereof, We the said Andrew, and Anna Wife of said Andrew, have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty first day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine. -

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of us

Signed Andrew Dodge (.C).
Ann Dodge (.C).

Rufus Dodge
Ezra Dodge

Essex ss. Feb'y 25th 1839, -- Then the above-named Andrew Dodge acknowledge the above Instrument to be his free act and deed -- before me

Nicholas Dodge Just Peace. -

1835. --- Adjournment of the annual March Meeting. Voted that Rev. E. P Sperry, Rev. Chs Miller, Dr. Nathan

Jones, Stephen Dodge, Abraham Patch, be the towns Committee for visiting & examining the Schools in said town the ensuing year, - and divide the money raised by said town for the Support of Schools in the several districts as they may think best.

Voted To accept the report of the towns Committee on on the state of Schools in said town, the last year.

Voted That the towns Committee be authorised to adopt new regulations for the government of the several Schools in said town the ensuing year, and lay the same before the town.

Voted That all taxes not paid in on or before the thirty first day of January A. D. 1835, Shall be distrained for by the Collector.

Voted That the School money be divided & apportioned to the Several Districts on or befor the Second monday in November next

Voted That the Fire Wardens Consist of the following persons- Viz: John S. Bomer, William Bomer Ezra Lummus & Smith Gallop. And the Selectmen are to furnish said Wardens with their badge of office, and all other necessary apperatus.

Voted To reconsider the vote passed at the annual meeting for widening and straitening the road leading from Ezra Lummuses Dwellinghouse, to the Brick Meeting-house in the Easterly part of Beverly.

Voted That the towns Committee attend to the appropriation of of the twenty dollars raised for the Little Comfort School (so called)

Voted Captn Jacob Dodge Chosen Pound Keeper

Voted That this meeting stand adjourned to the second Monday in November four oclock in the afternoon.

This may certify that all the town officers of whom an oath is required personally appeared and took the oath prescribed by law to qualify them for their several offices. --Before me

Moses Foster Town Clerk

A true record. Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Monday the fourth day May A. D. 1835. -for the purpose of giving their votes for County Commissioners, for the County of Essex, - the following persons were voted for, (namely)

For Asa W. Wildes	Sixty five	Votes
Nehemiah Brown	twenty four	do.
John W. Allen	twenty two	do.
John W. Procter	thirty six	do.
Moses Newell	forty four	do.
Hobart Clark	Six	do.

For Special Commissioners

David Putnam	forty three votes
William Whipple	thirty eight do.
Stephen Barker	twenty three do.
Lowell Bagley	twenty two do.
George W. Heard	four --- do.

A true record

Attest -- Moses Foster T. Clerk

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham holden on Friday the twenty ninth day of May A.D. 1835,- for the purpose of giving in their votes for one County Commissioner to fill the Board of of Commissioners for the County of Essex, agreeably to a Law of the Commonwealth passed April 8th 1835.- Also to transact any town business that may Come before said meeting, as the Warrant on file may more fully appear.

For John W. Proctor Esq.	thirty seven votes
" John W. Allen	twenty do.

A true record -

Attest. Moses Foster T. Clerk

Voted to Choose a Committee of four persons to wait on the Hon. County Commissioners, and to oppose the location of a road prayed for by Joseph Peabody and 222 others, commencing at the Baptest Meeting-house in Beverly, and to terminate near the dwelling-house of Mrs. Faulkner in the town of Hamilton,- Said Committee to employ Counsell Should they think it expedient. The following persons Compose said Committee Viz: John Dodge,- Edmund Kimball Esq. Paul Porter,- Richard Dodge. -

The Selectmen were also chosen a Committee to wait on the Hon. Commissioners, and represent the interest of the town, on the petition of William Warner and 60 others for a road to Commence near Mingo's Corner in Hamilton and running to the main County Road in Wenham, at some point between the meeting house and the dwelling house of the Hon. Daniel Kilham. -

A true record

Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

It having been represented to us, two of the Fence Viewers of the town of Wenham by Mrs. Mary Lovering of Hamilton whose land is bounded or divided from the land of Peter Dodge of said Wenham by Miles River, that the said Peter has refused to join her in making a partition fence, and the said Mary Lovering having applied to us to view the same and determine therefor; We have after giveing due notice to each party, attended that Service, and do determine that the Said river does not answer

the purpose of a sufficient fence, and that it is impracticable to fence on the true boundary line; We therefore further determine that the Said fence shall be set up as follows Viz: That the said Mary Lovering shall build and maintain a good & sufficient fence, begining at the S.W. Corner of the Fairfield Lot - and runing westerly, on the Northerly bank of S.d river twenty rods to a Stake by S.d river, - And the said Peter Dodge Shall build and maintain a good & Sufficient fence, on the other part of said line begining at S.d Stake and Crossing Said river and runing in a Westerly direction on the Southerly bank of S.d river thirty three rods to a Stake. And the said Mary Shall build and maintain a good and sufficient fence on the remainder, begining at Said Stake and Crossing the river thence runing westerly on the Northern bank of said river thirteen rods to the S E Corner of land of the heirs of John Gardner. -----

And we hereby assign the term of Six days from the date hereof; for makeing up said fence. Whereof the parties aforesaid are to take notice.

Given under our hands this third day of June A.D. 1835

A true record — Downing Gentlee) Fence
Attest, — Moses Foster)

Moses Foster T. Clerk

June 1835

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote in town affairs, held on Monday, the fifteenth day of June A.D. 1835, - to see if the town will lease to Edmund Kimball and others a a Sufficient quantity of Land on the training field to Set a Vestry house, with liberty to and from Said Vestry, and to transact any other business relative to Said building.

1.st Majr Andrew Dodge was Chosen Moderator to govern said Meeting. ---

2.d Voted to lease to Edmund Kimball and others a Sufficient quantity of Land on the training field belonging to said town to Set a Vestry house for the term of thirty years with liberty to pass to and from said Vestry. ---

3.d Voted That a Committee of three men be Chosen in behalf of the town, to execute a lease, and deliver the same to Edmund Kimball and others, his associates. ---

4th Voted That Stephen Dodge Esra Lummus and Warren Peabody do Constitute said Committee.

5th Voted That said Edmund Kimball & others pay to Said Committee the Sum of two dollars, for the whole term of thirty years as aforenamed, - for the use of said town, on delivery of said Lease. ---

A true record

Attest, -

Moses Foster T. Clerk

Jacob Dodge Bot of James Allen

1	card table twelve Dollars	12.00
do. 1	marble table five dollars	5.00
two	dozen of chairs	15.00
two	looking glasses	10.00
one	brass fire sett	10.00
one	light stand	5.00
two	beaureaus -----	35.00
one	wagon hung on leather springs	12.00
one	lumber sleigh and harness	20.00
one	lot of meadow hay about two tons	8.00
one	lot of turf containing about 8 cords	24.00
		$ 156.00

the above bill is given to secure the payment of two certain Notes given by James Allen to Jacob Dodge for the sums of one hundred three dollars fortysix cents bearing date of Feb 25 1832 also one bearing date Aug 24th for one hundred forty eight dollars and eighty one cents

James Allen

Wittness William Morgan

Dated at Wenham August the 24th 1835

A true copy attest I D Barnes
in behalf of Moses Foster Town Clerk

Wenham 1st Sept 1835

Rufus Dodge Bot of Aaron D Barnes

Six cords of turf at two dollars 75/100 per cord. - $16:50

The above named lot of turf is four cords in Jacob Dodges Barn two cords in said Dodges turf house and on his meadow all in Wenham. And is given to secure the payment of a debt of fifteen dollars & 7/100 cts

Signed by Aaron D. Barnes

A true copy Attest I D Barnes for Moses Foster

Attest Israel D. Barnes Town Clerk

Wenham Sept 25th 1835
Jacob Dodge bot of Jacob Dodge jnr

1	Chesnut horse. Wagon and harness	$165 - 00
1	Lumber carriage at	25 00
4	Feather beds and Bedsteads and bedding	160 --
1	Desk and Beaueau at	20 --
1	Clock at	12 --
4	tables	16 --
1	looking glass at	6 --
18	Chairs at	15 --

A lot of carpenters work and stock including all that I have on hand worked or unworked at two

hundred dollars ------- 200 --

$619 - 00

All the above property I sell to Jacob Dodge for the payment of two Notes, one given to him bearing date January 25 1833 for the sum of two hundred and thirty two dollars signed by me and also one signed by me bearing date of January 1st 1835 for the sum of three hundred dollars ----------

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five

Signed Sealed in presence of us)
)
Rufus A Dodge) Jacob Dodge jnr LS
Israel D Barnes)

A true copy of record

Attest I D Barnes for Moses Foster Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Wenham qualified to vote in town affairs, Held August 26, 1835.

Voted as follows John Dodge having been previously chosen Moderator, and Stephen Dodge Clerk pro tem.
1st That Edmund Kimball Jr. Andrew Dodge & John Dodge be Committee to oppose a petition of Samuel Goodrich and others for the Location of a Road from Wenham Causey over Land in Wenham & Beverly.
2d Also " Comittee Edmund Kimball Jr. & Nathan Jones, in addition to the former Committee (The Select men) to use their endeavours that the Road prayed for by William Warner near David Sterratts Store on to meet the Manchester Road by the house of Ezra Lummus, in said Wenham. --

A true record

Attest. --- Moses Foster, T. Clerk

At the adjournment of the annual March meeting - November ninth 1835, at the close of the election of State officers, - Voted that the new regulations for the several schools in town, presented by the Superintending School Committee, be & the same are hereby accepted by the town and adopted as the regulations of all the schools in said town kept by the towns money, and said Committee are authorised and required to make and present to each District Committee man a Coppy of said regulations, to be delivered to the Schoolmaster at the opening of the District School & to be received from him at the Close of his term of service, and to be delivered to his successor in office, to be a directory till the town see fit to alter it.

A true record
Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

November Meeting 1835

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Monday the ninth day of November A.D. 1835, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for Governor, Lieut.-Governor, and Senators for Essex County. --- Also to give in their votes for a Representative to the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

For Governor	)Edward Everett	had fifty eight votes
	)Marcus Morton	Eighteen do.
For Lieut-Governor	)George Hull	fifty seven votes
	)William Foster	nineteen do.
	(Jonathan Shove	fifty eight votes
	(William Ferson	do do. do.
ss	(George Lunt	do. do. do.
	(Stephen P. Webb	do. do. do.
	(John Tenny -	do. do. do.
	(Charles Kimball	fifty six votes
	(- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	
Senators	(William Hawkes	Eighteen votes
	(John W. Allen	do. do.
	(David Pingree	do. do.
I	(George Savary	do. do.
	(Joseph Kittredge	do. do.
	(T. G. Farnsworth	do. do.
	(Thomas Gage -	two -- do.

For Representative to the General Court.

Moses Foster	forty two votes
John Dodge	nineteen do.
Benjamin Edwards	thirteen do.

A true record

Attest Moses Foster T. Clerk

ADDENDA

Page 6 Insert "John Hooker Seal of Leather"

Page 49 After line 13, insert "thence to a white oak tree marked WH on fowlers Island"

Page 52 Insert "Wenham March the 6th 1821 Receaved of Isaac Dodge thirty dollars it being the interest on the money for one year which was loned to said Dodge by said town; the said money disposed of agreeable to the instrument of assignment---

Attest John T. Dodge Jnr T. Clerk"

Page 78 After line 44, insert "marked W.M. on the East side of longham meadow, thence to a stone marked W.B. the south side of the road by the mile stone about twenty rods to the Westward of Simon Wyatts house, thence to a stone marked W.B."

Page 102 Insert "September Meeting 1831

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters in the Town of Wenham held on Monday the day of September AD. 1831, for the purpose of giveing in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for Essex north district. The number of votes given in were sorted counted and declaration thereof made, and were as follows:- Viz

for Caleb Cushing	forty nine	49
Joseph Kettredge	Twenty	20
Gayton P. Osgood	Thirteen	13

A True Coppy Attest

David Starrett, T. Clerk"

Page 104 In line 29 read "County of Essex"

Page 130 Insert "7th Voted to raise three hundred and thirty dollars for the support of Schools the ensuing years, thirty dollars of which to be appropriated for a Woman's School in little comfort (so called)"

Page 135 Insert "At a meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Wenham held on Wednesday the nineteenth day of November 1834.---Voted as follows John T. Dodge as Moderator.

Do. Stephen Dodge, Clerk protem,

DO. that the Committee Chosen at a former meeting to oppose the Long ham Road, Continue to act for the benifit of the town.

Adjourned Meeting from Nov^m^ tenth - 1834

Meeting disolved.---

A true record from the minutes.-

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